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LET GO
OF ME.

I DON'T
WANT TO
SEE HIM!



YOU BETTER START
BEHAVING, BOY.

YOUR FATHER WILL
HURT YOU WORSE
THAN US, I SWEAR
TO YOU.



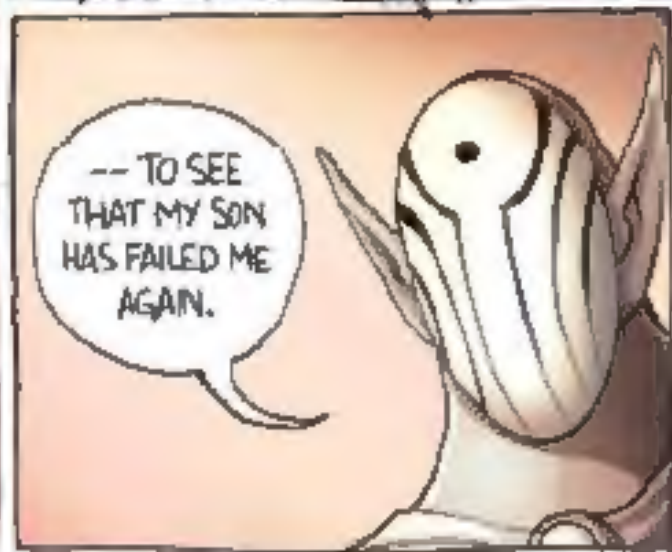
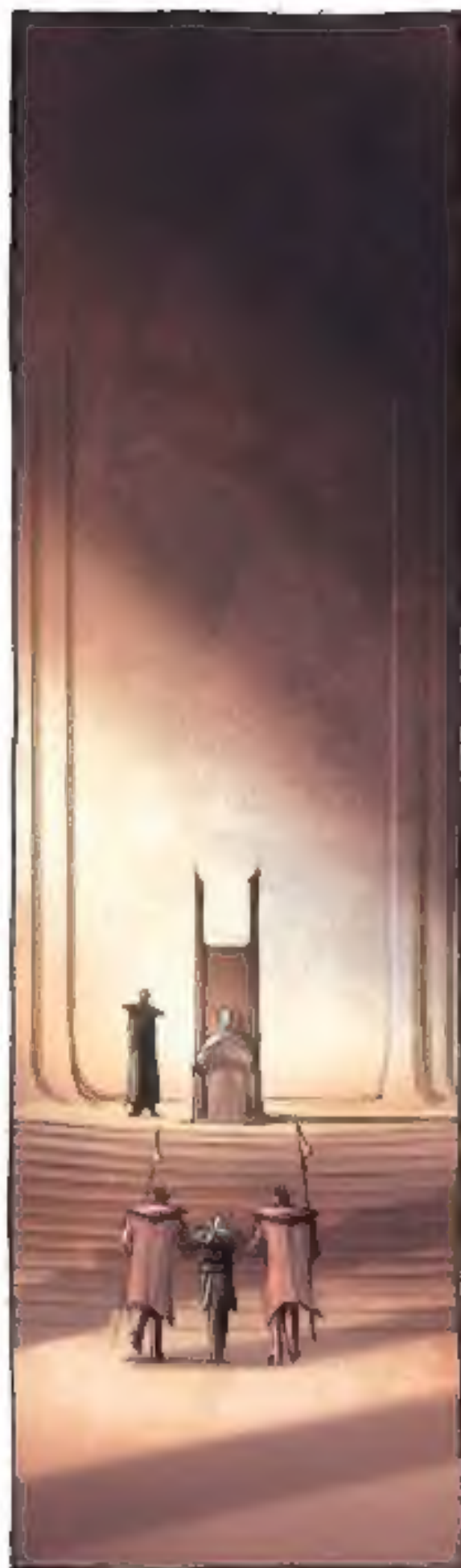
AND I, FOR
ONE, HOPE
HE DOES.



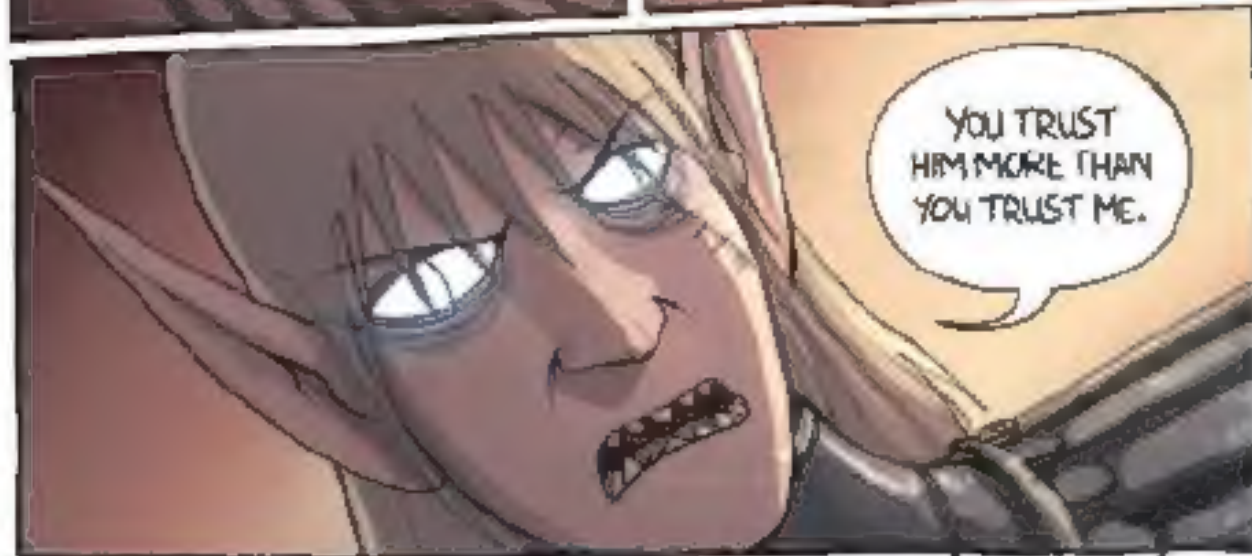
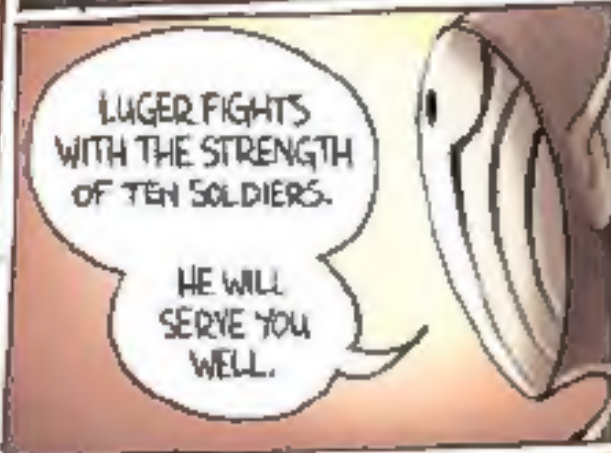
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REMEMBER
WHO YOU'RE
TALKING TO,
SERVANT.

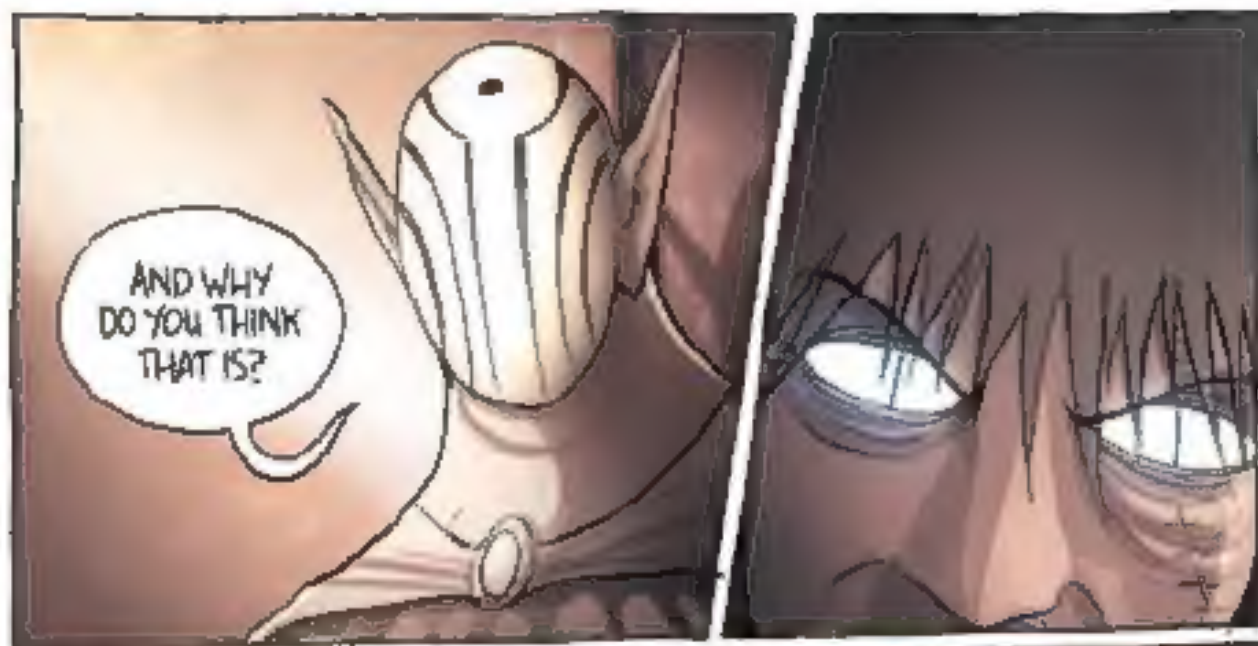


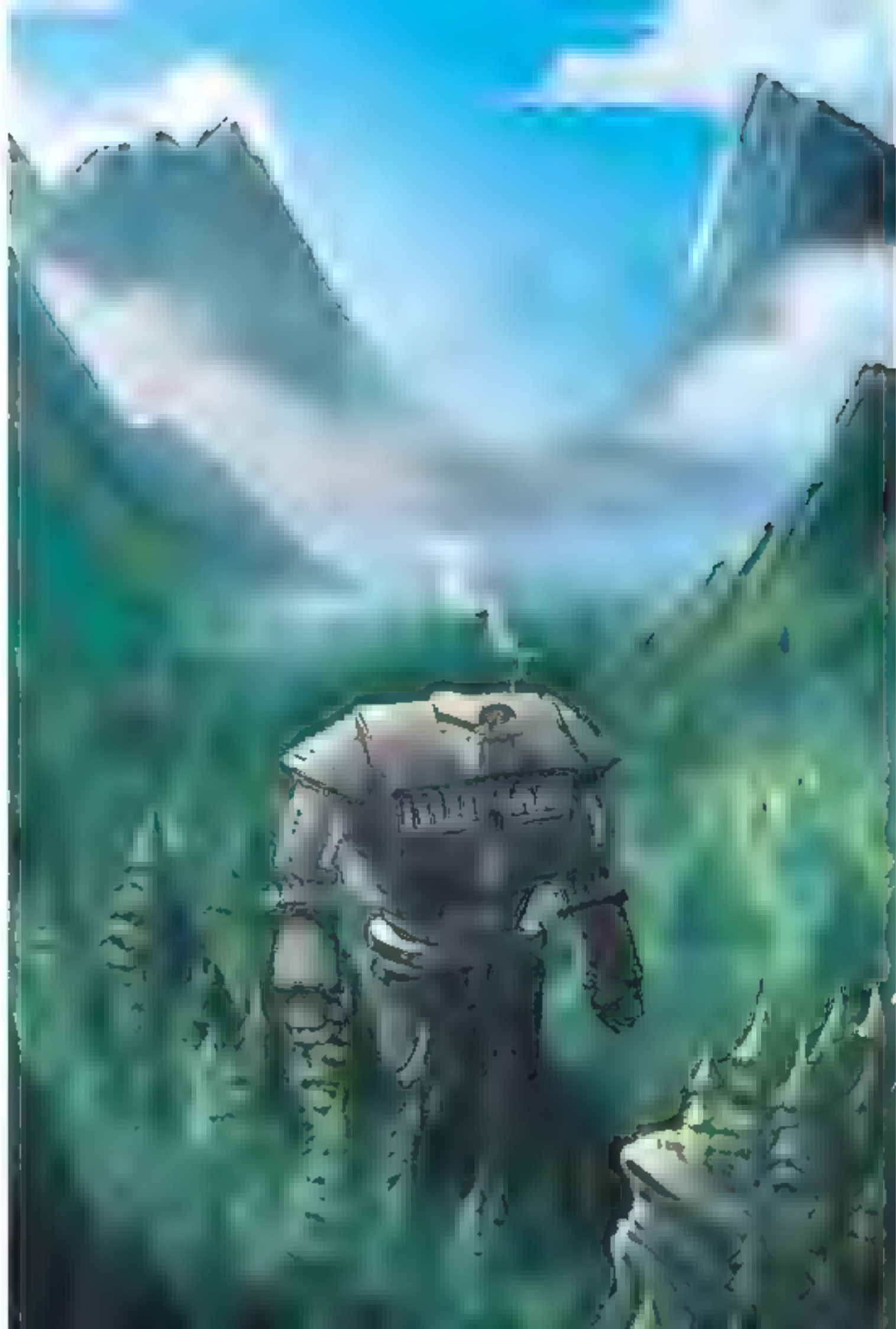


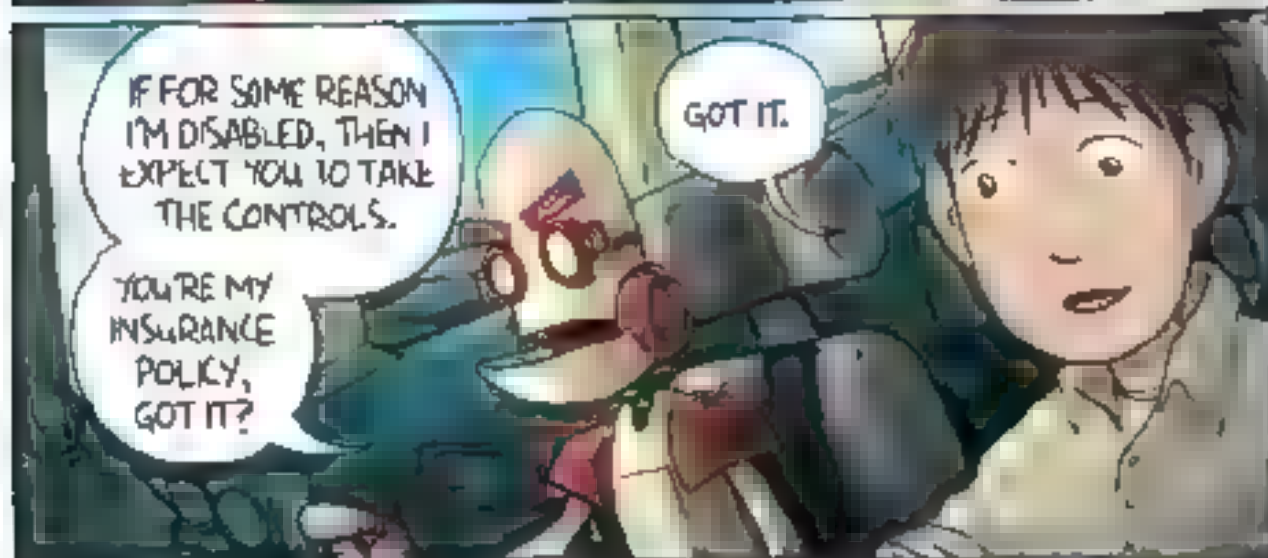
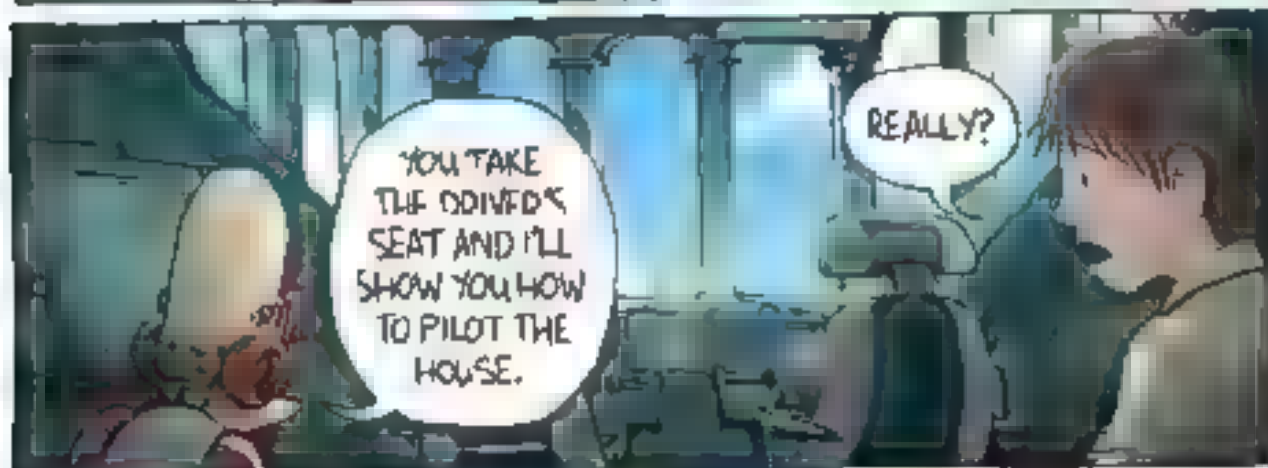
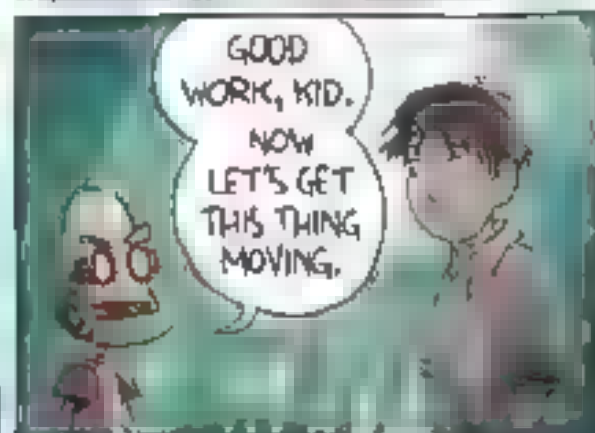


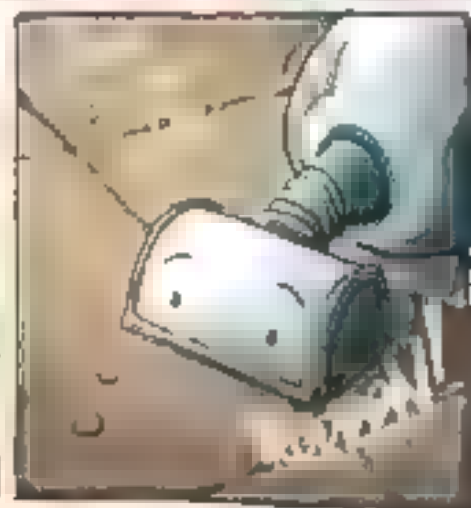
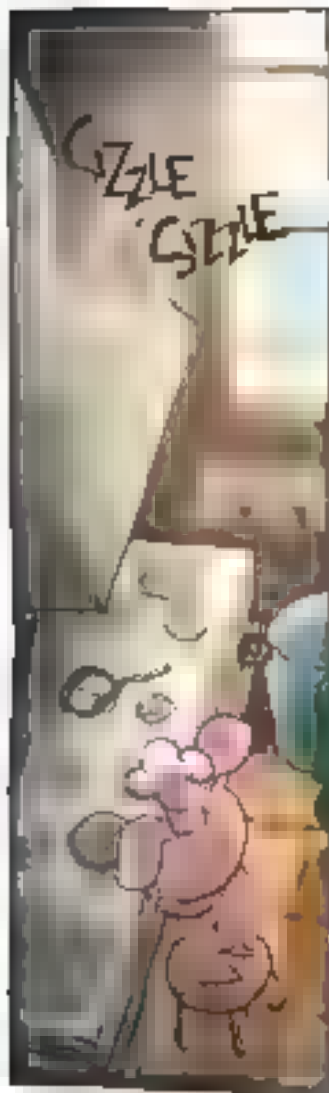


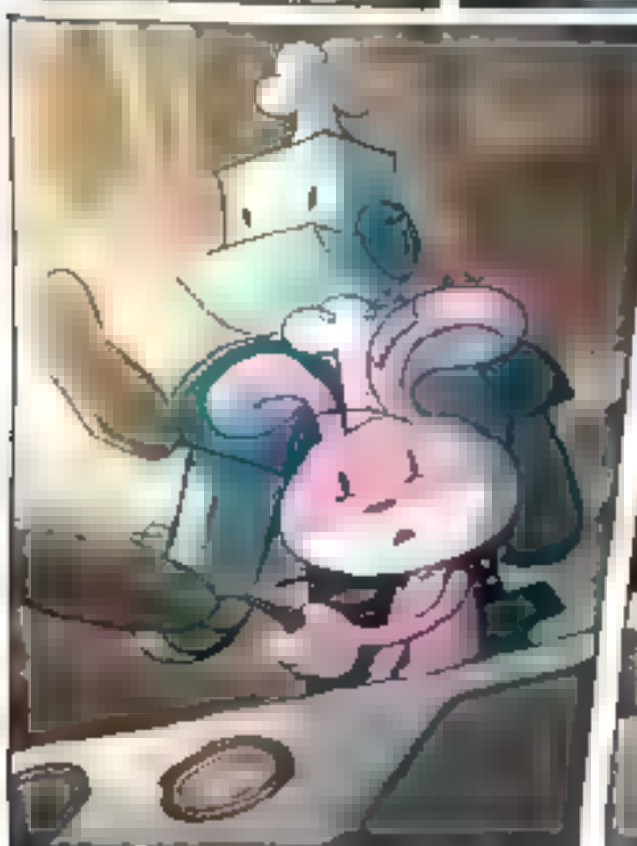


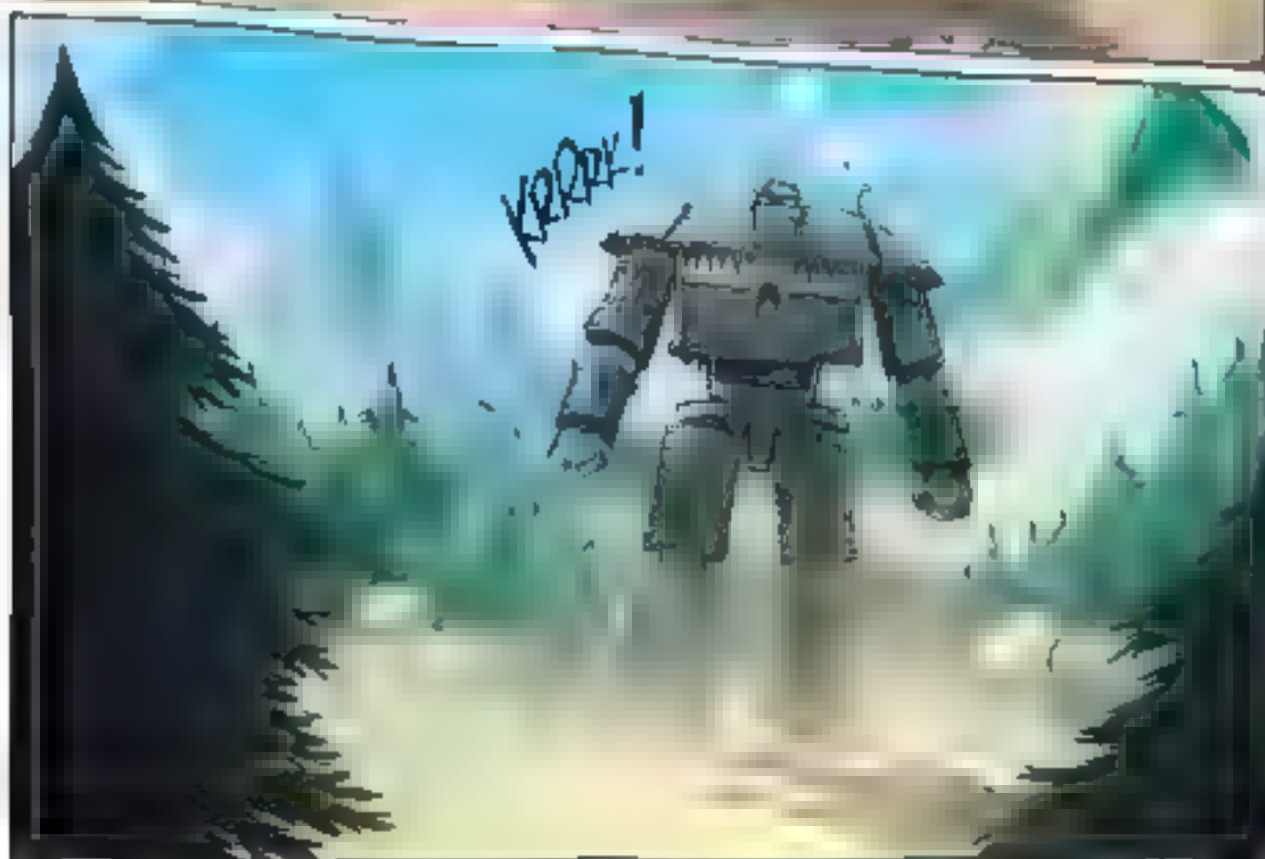
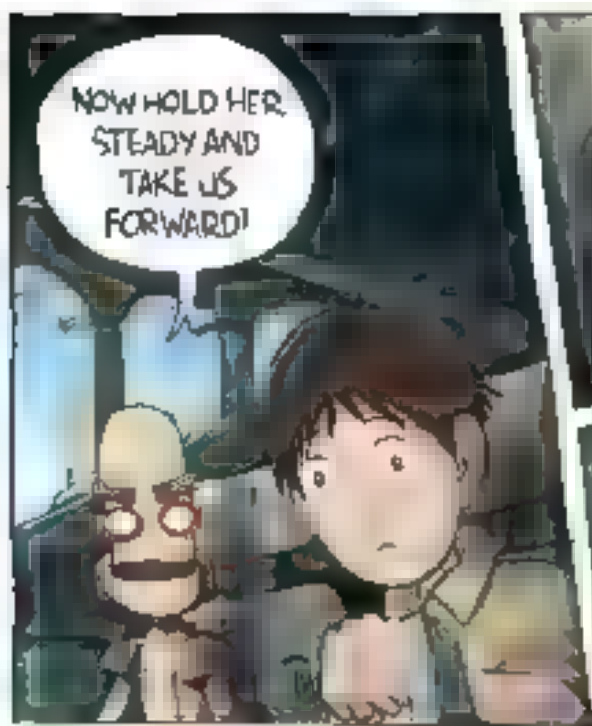


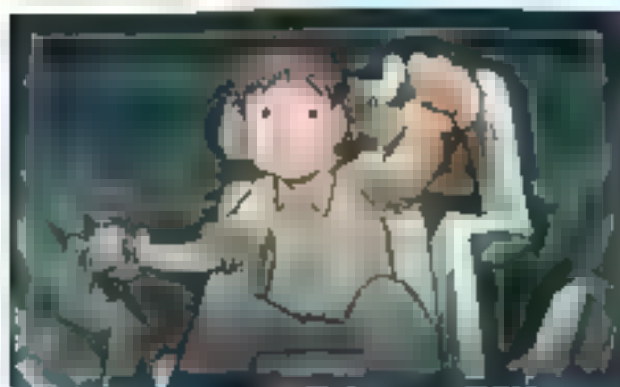


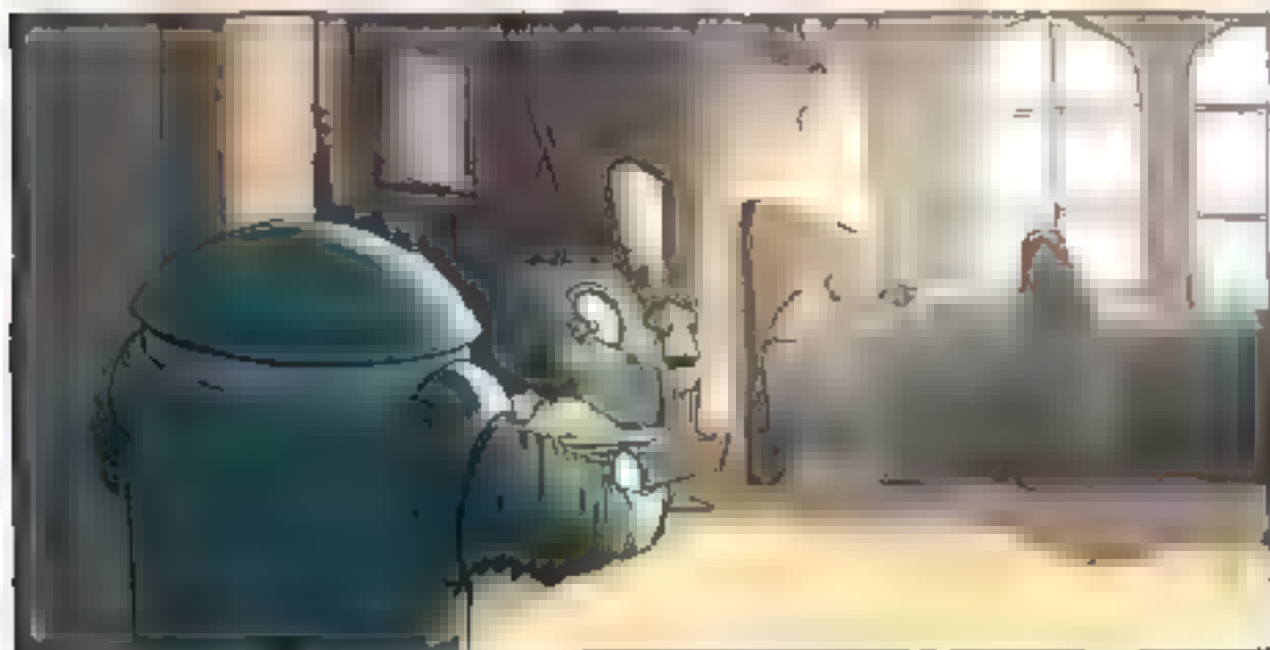
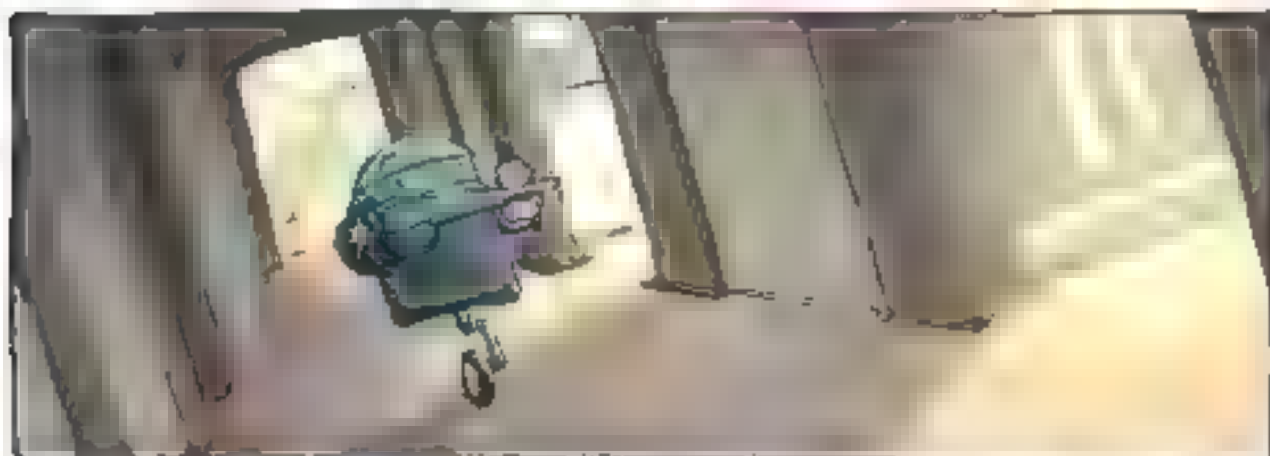


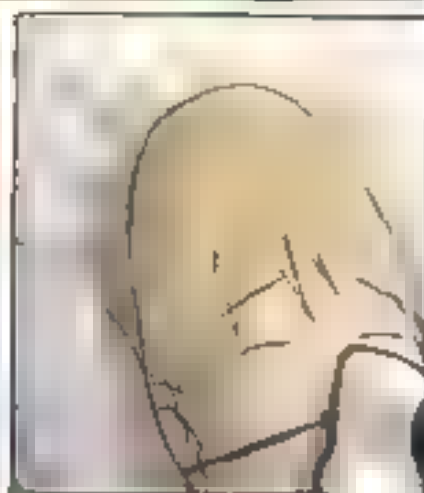
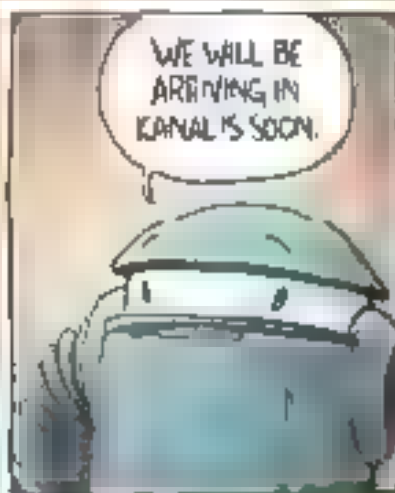


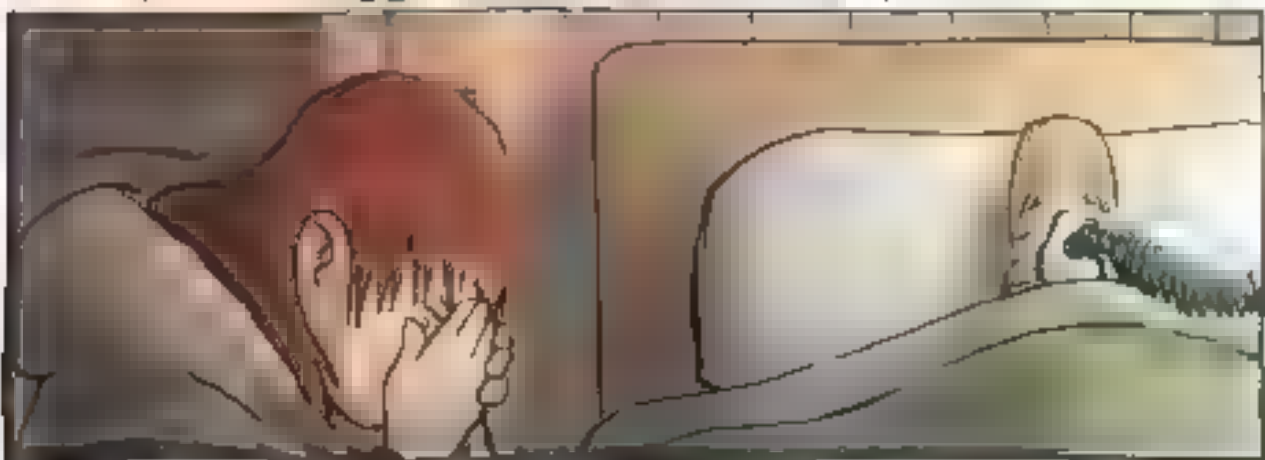
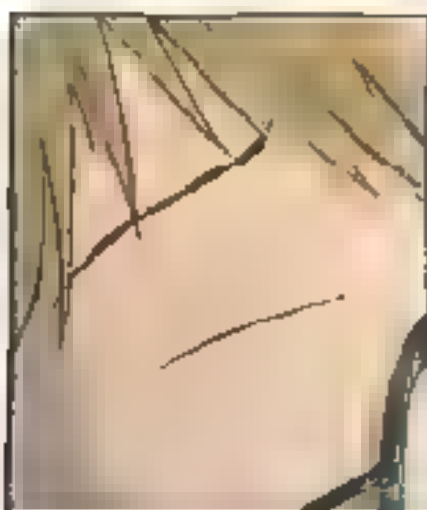
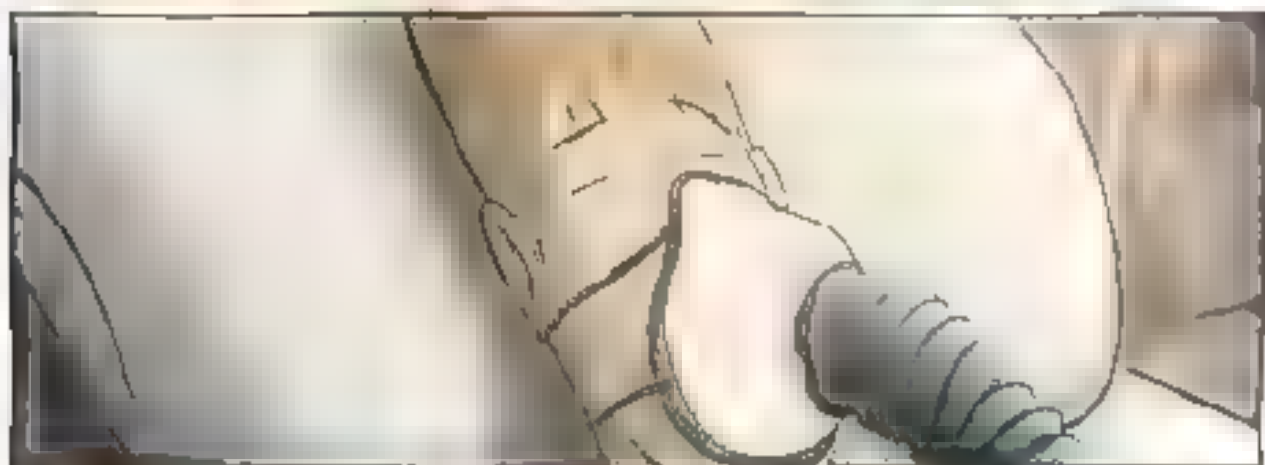


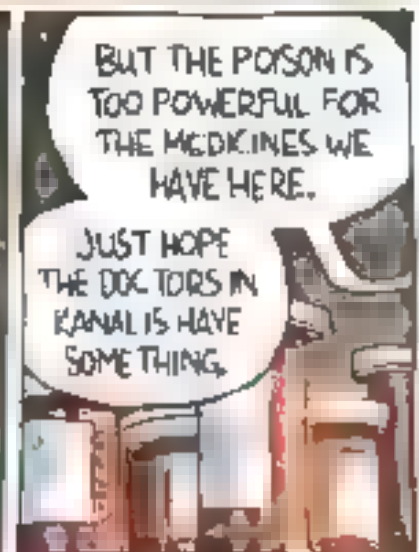
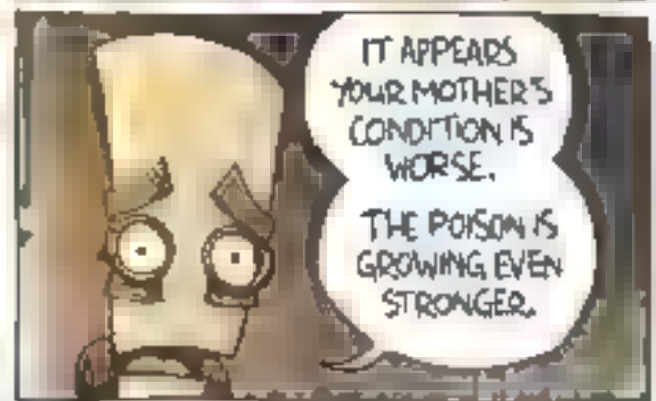
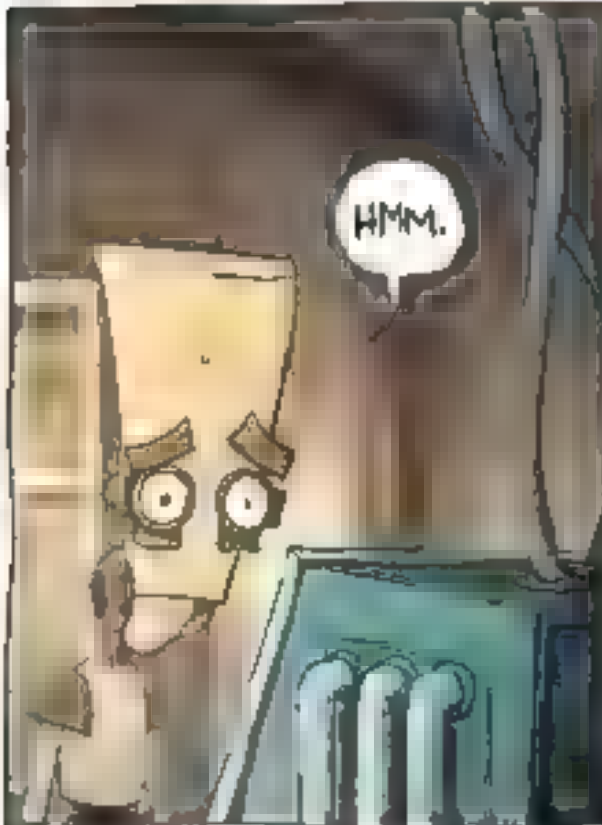


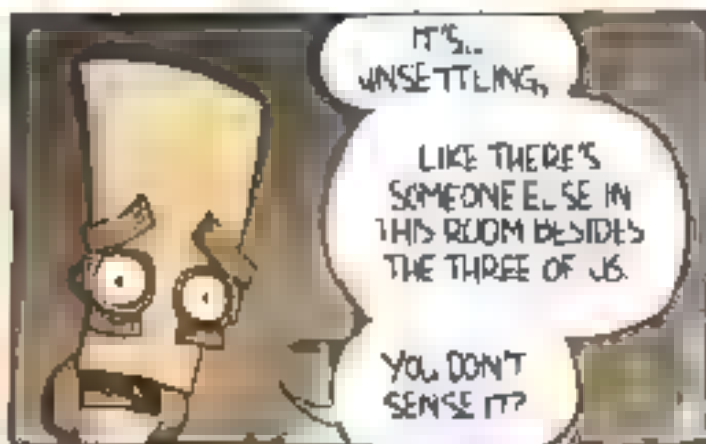


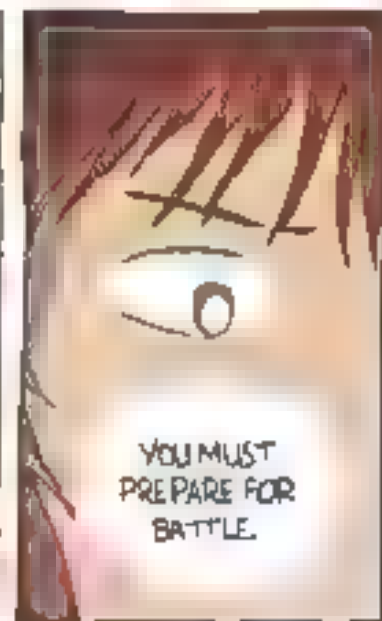
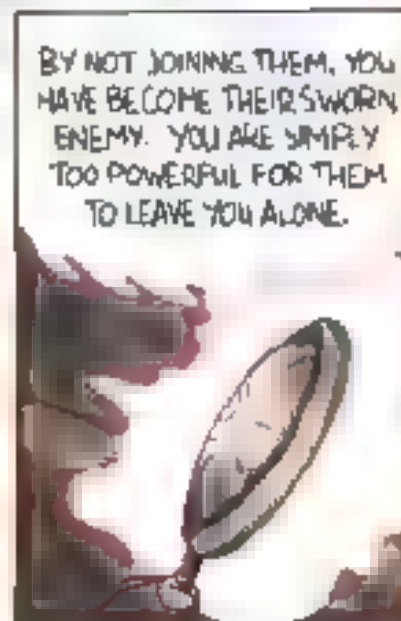
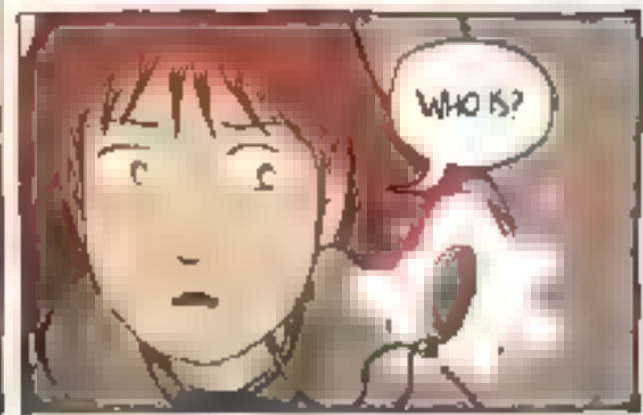
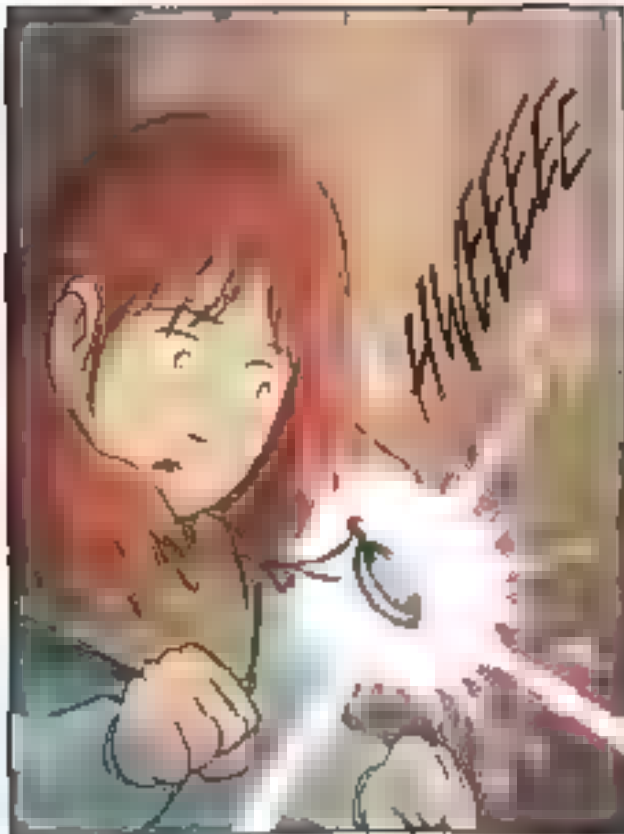


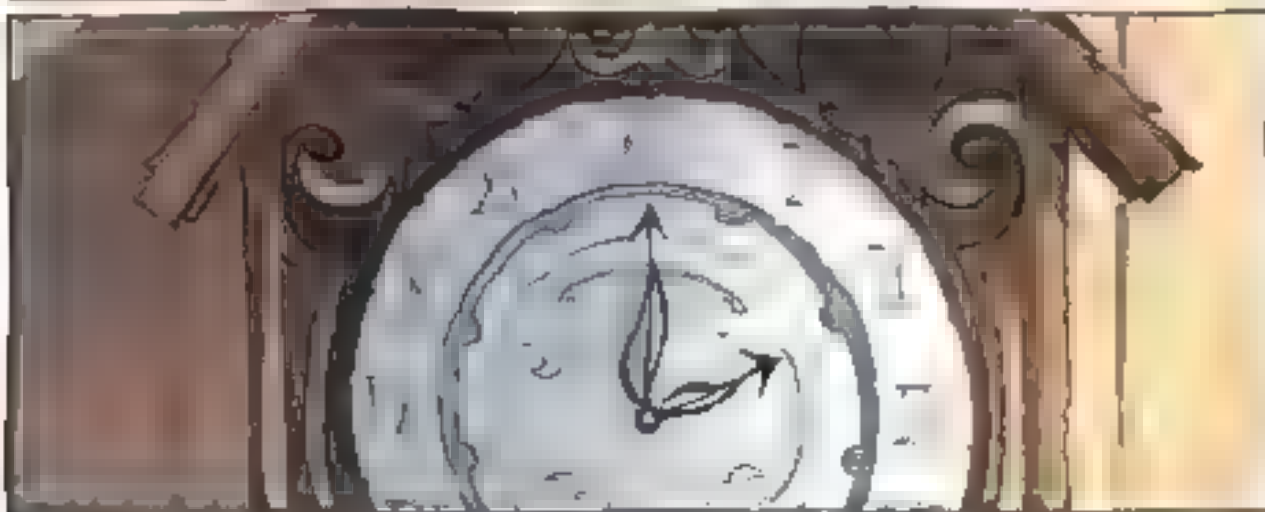
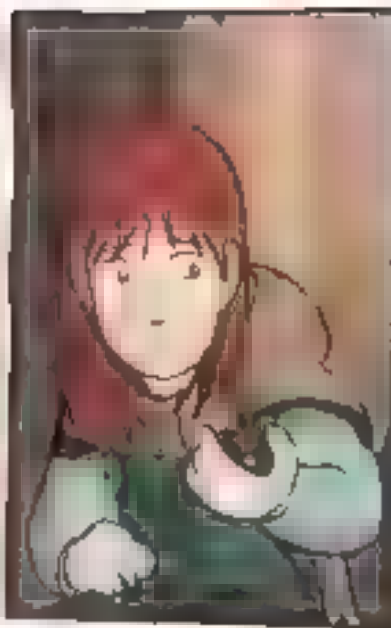
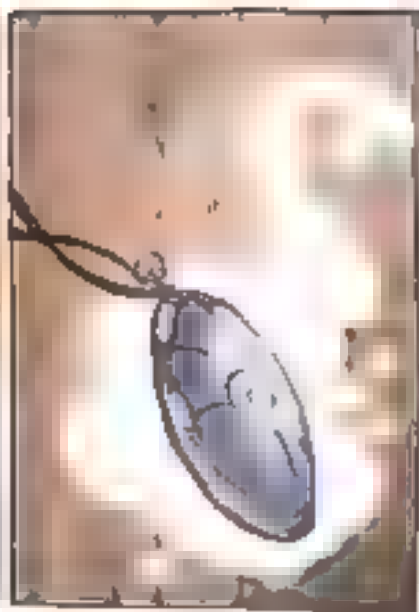


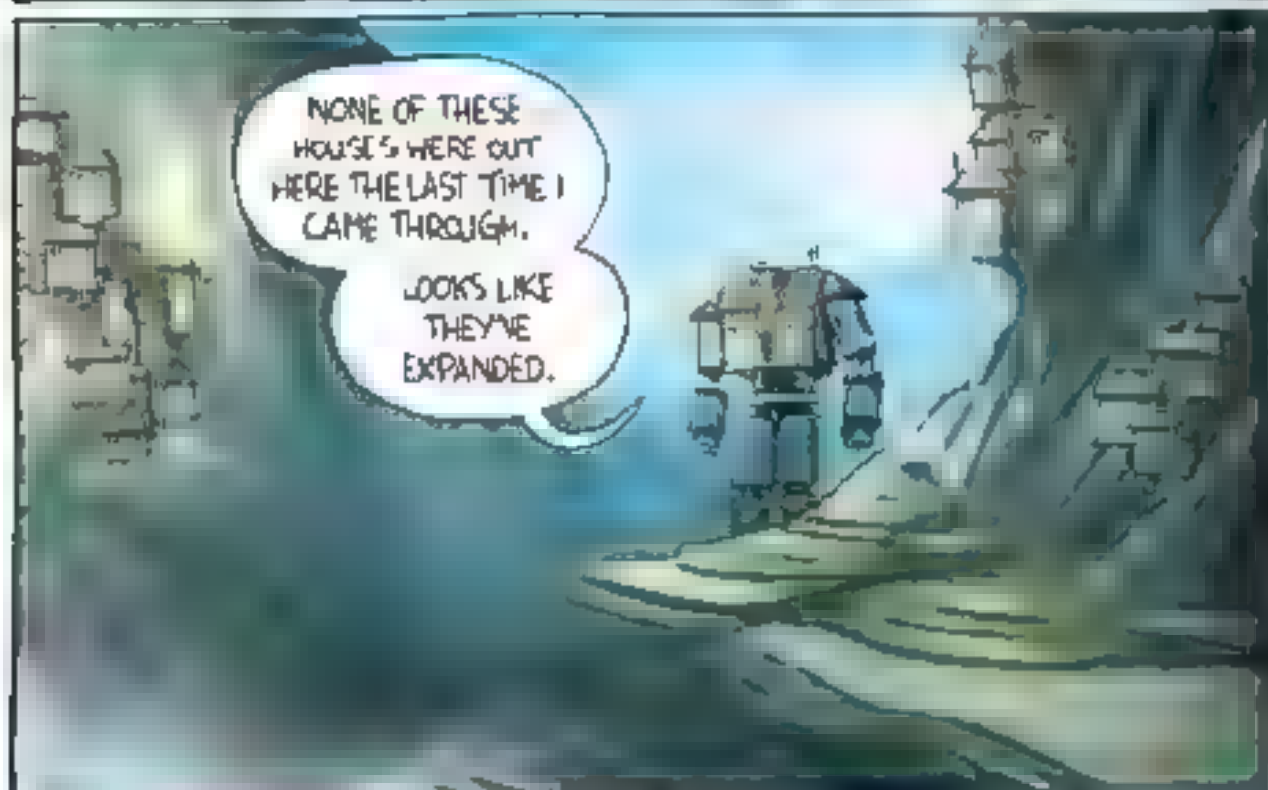
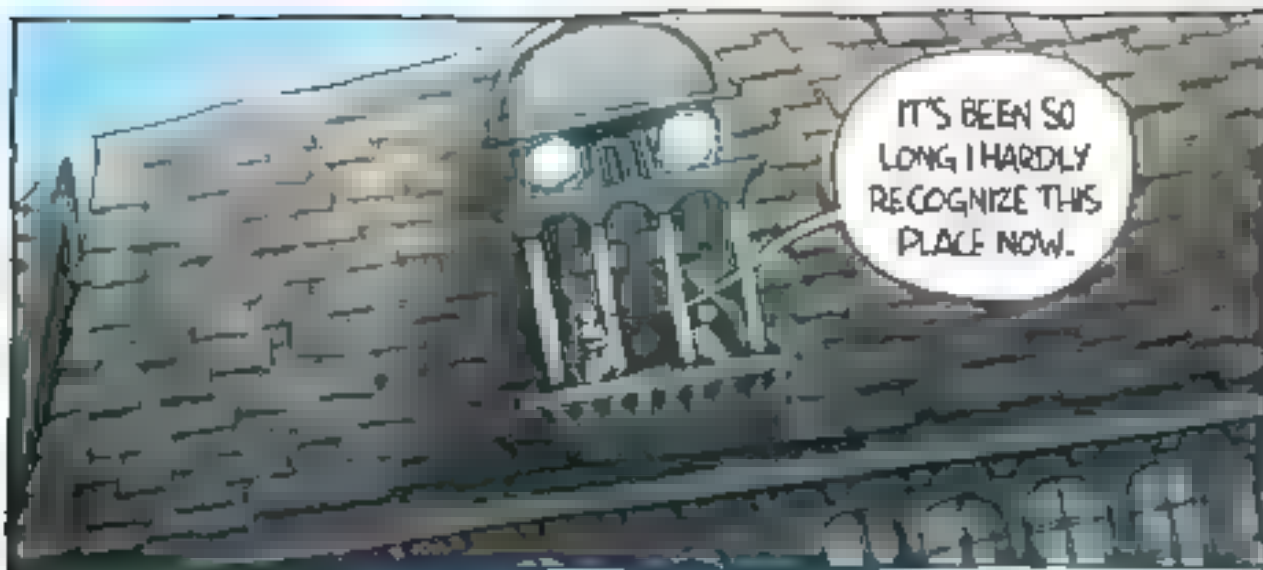






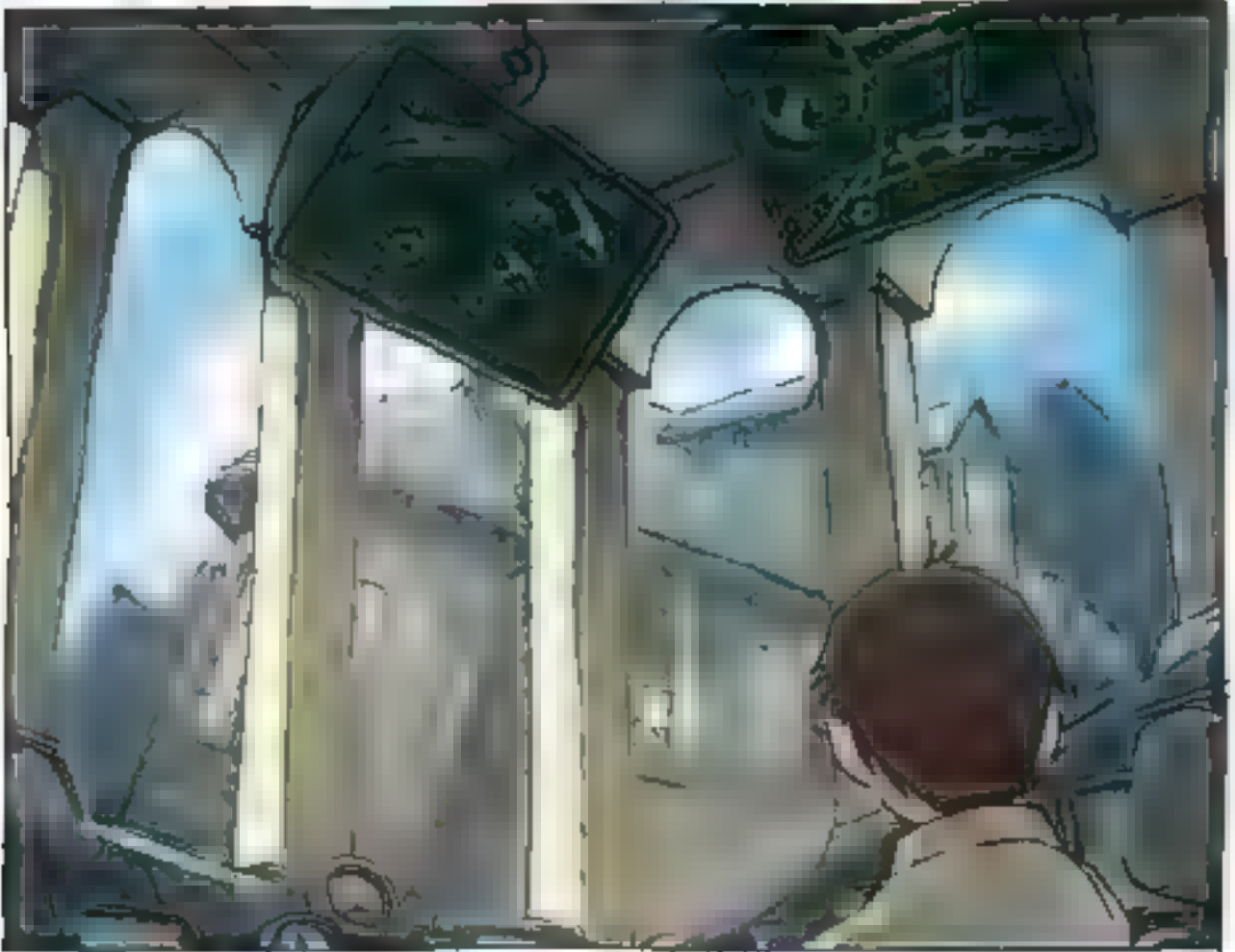
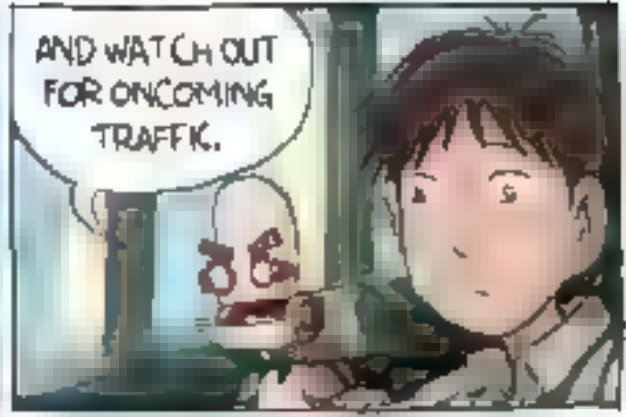


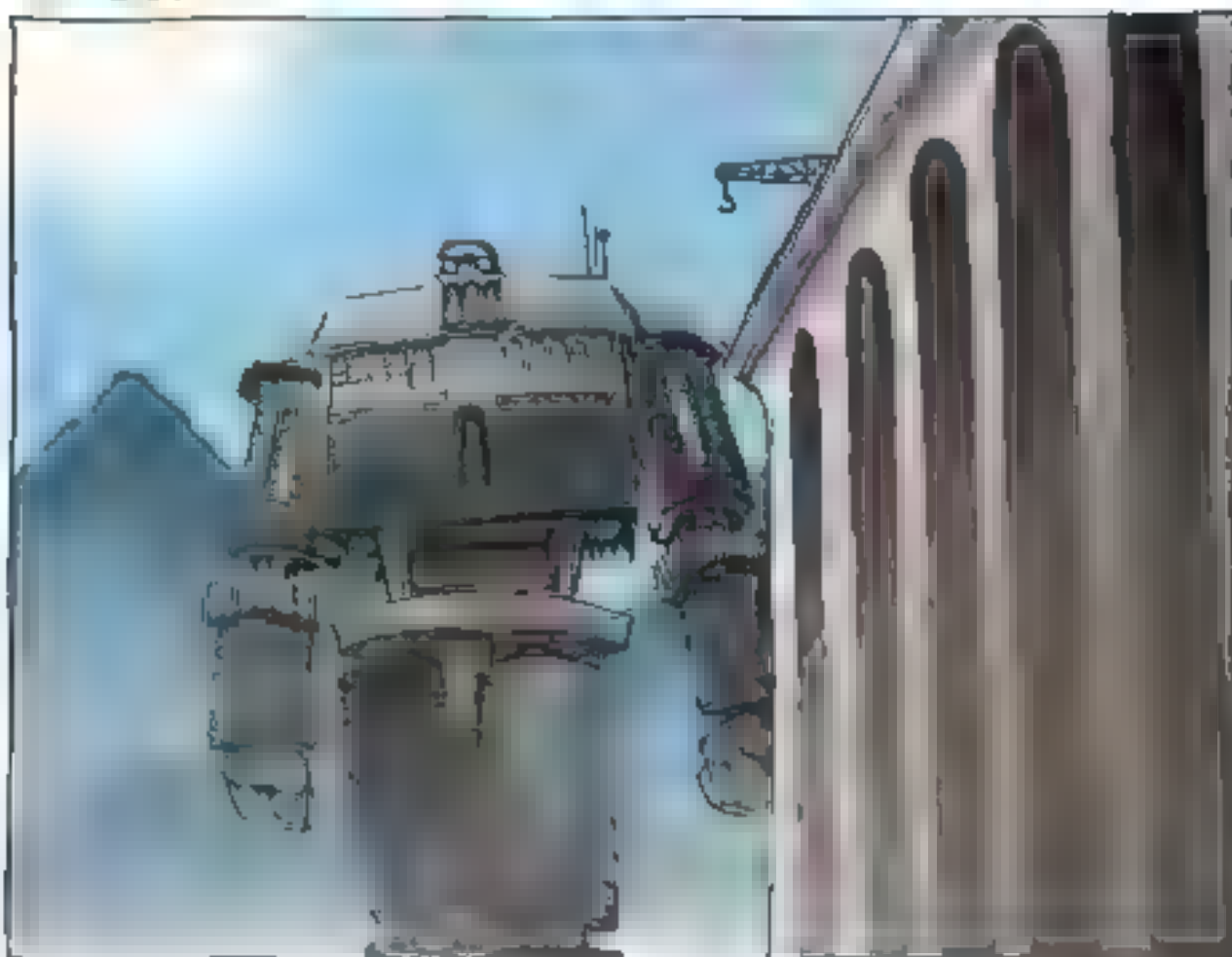
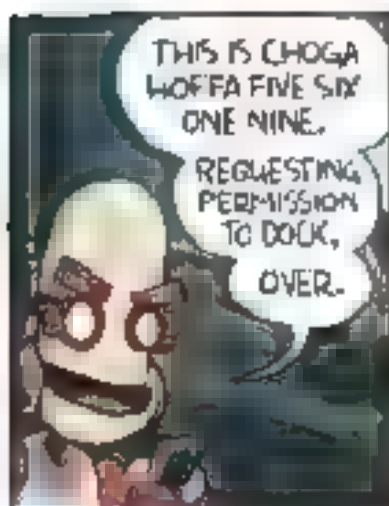






THE CITY
OF KANDAS.





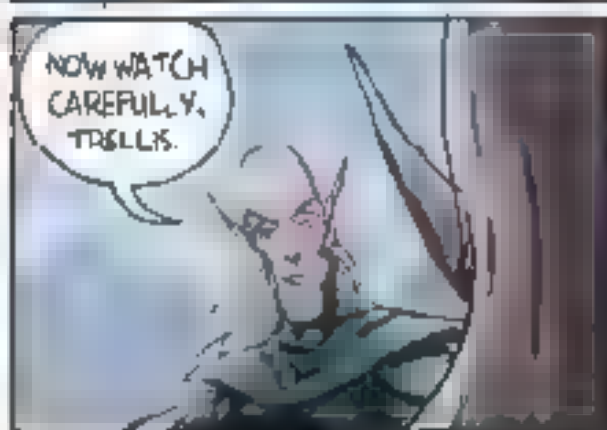


SHOULD WE
ATTACK THEM
NOW, SIK?

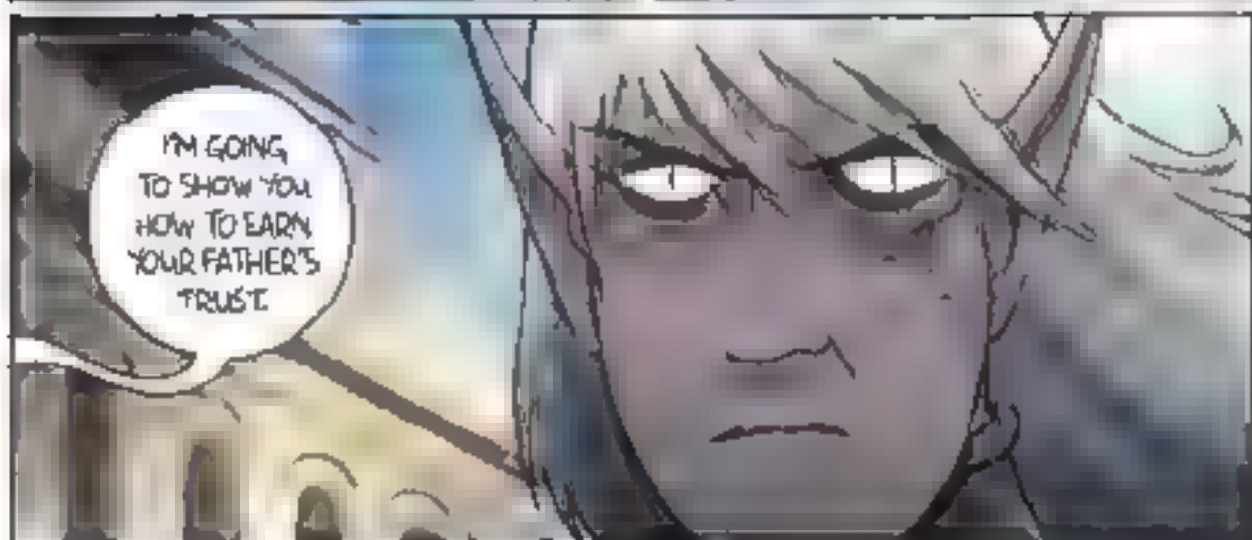


NOT YET.
HAVE SOMEONE
FOLLOW THEM.

WE WILL NEED
TO SEPARATE THEM
FROM THEIR HOUSE
IN ORDER TO TAKE
IT OVER.



NOW WATCH
CAREFULLY,
TRELLIS.

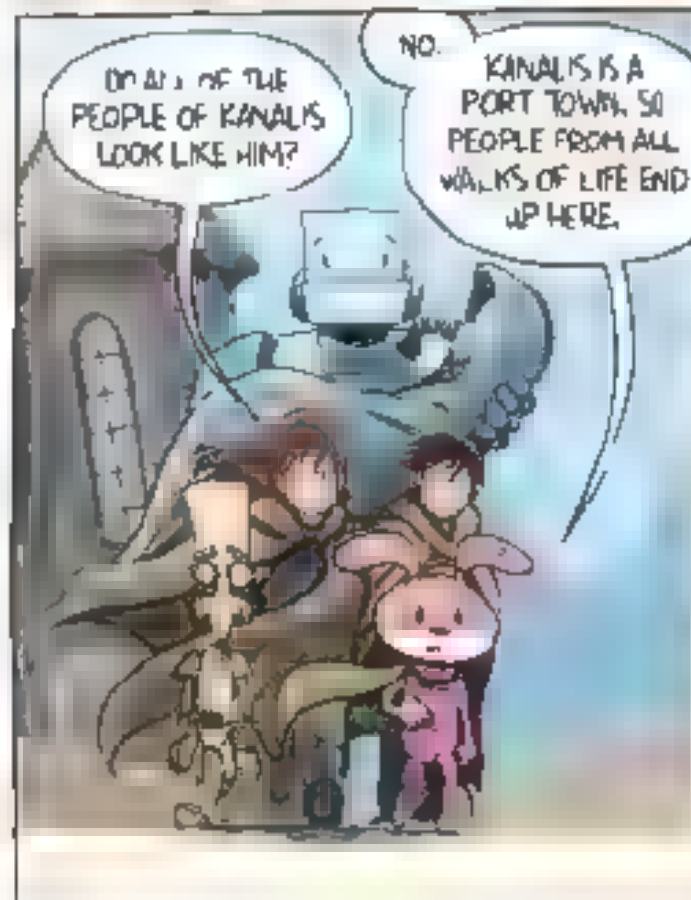


I'M GOING
TO SHOW YOU
HOW TO EARN
YOUR FATHER'S
TRUST.





PLEASE HAVE
YOUR PASSPORTS
READY, AND PREPARE
FOR BOARDING AND
INSPECTION.



DO ALL OF THE
PEOPLE OF KANALIS
LOOK LIKE HIM?

NO.
KANALIS IS A
PORT TOWN, SO
PEOPLE FROM ALL
WALKS OF LIFE END
UP HERE.



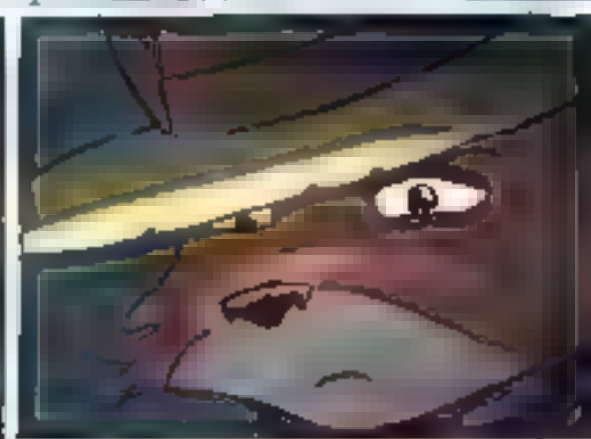
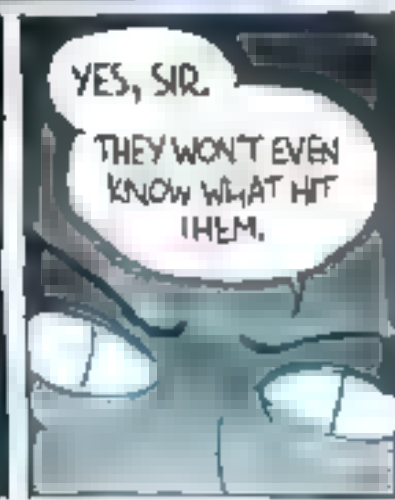
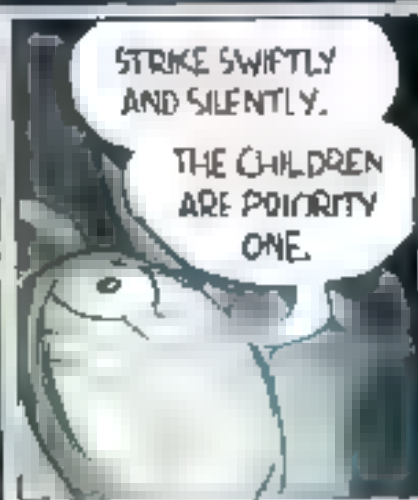
IT IS SAID THAT
EVERYONE IN ALLEDIA
FINDS THEIR WAY HERE
EVENTUALLY

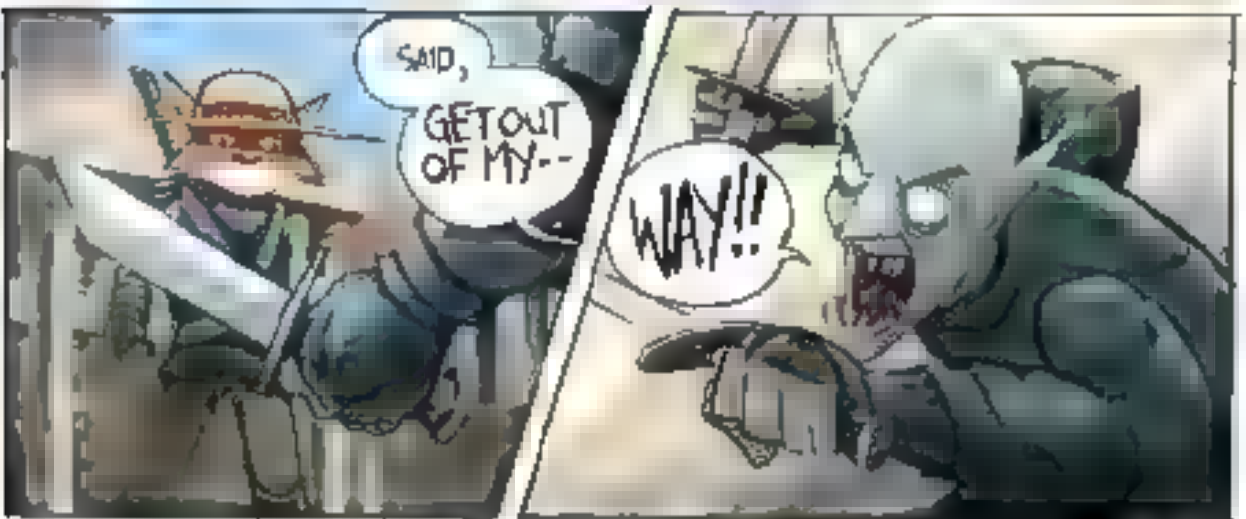
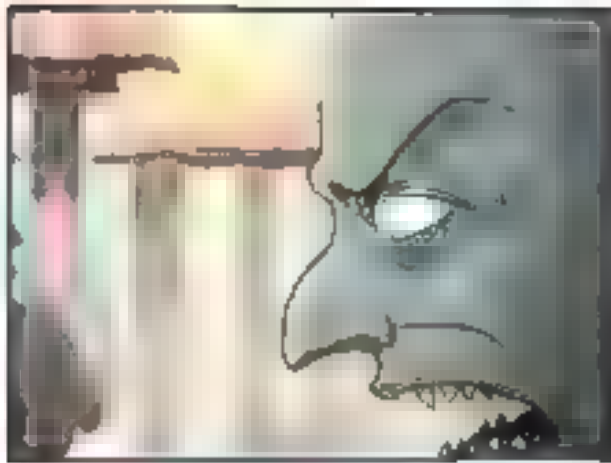


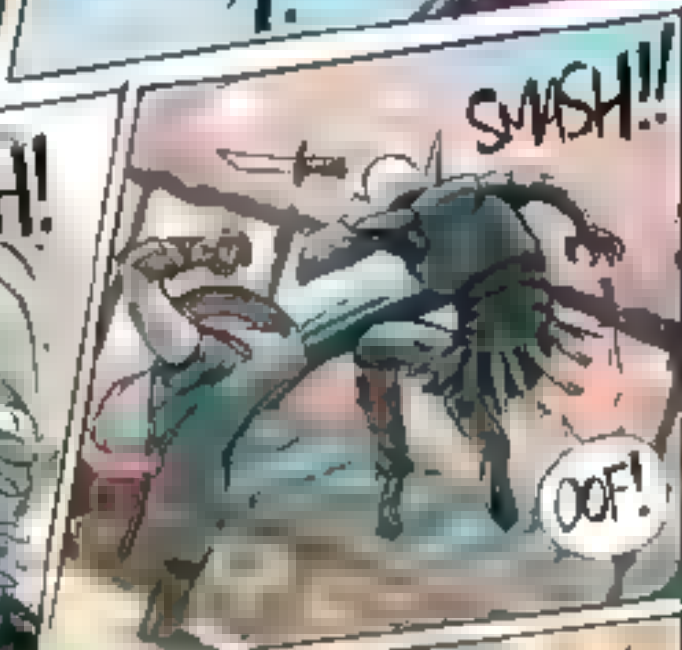
SO LET'S HOPE
THAT PROVES TRUE
WITH THE LAND'S
FINEST DOCTORS.

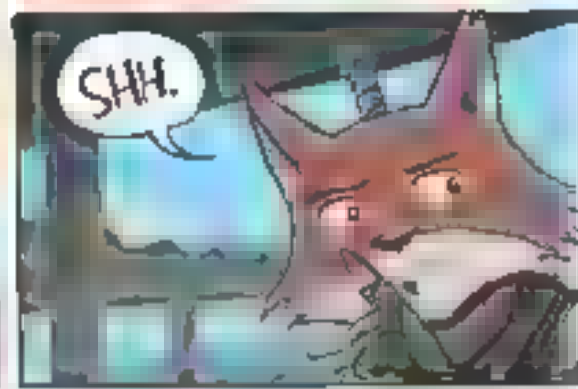
WE'RE GOING
TO NEED A VERY
GOOD ONE.

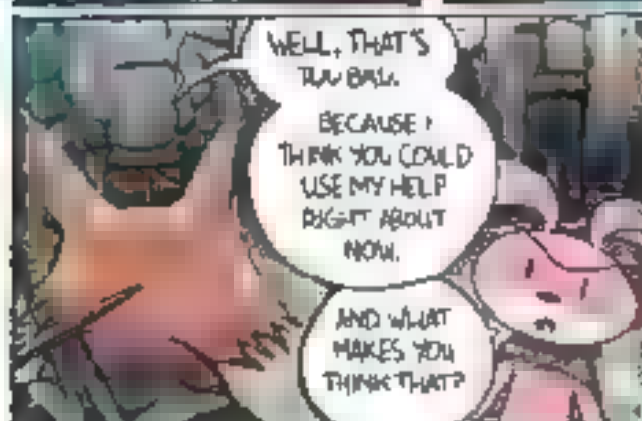
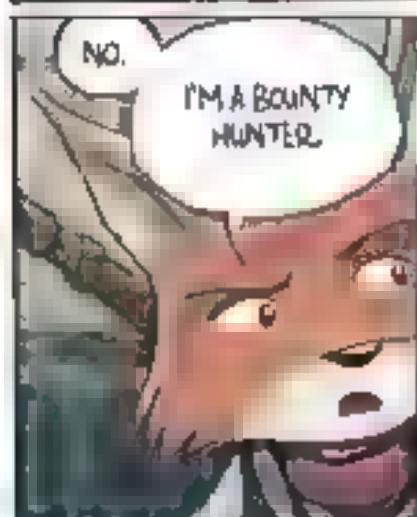


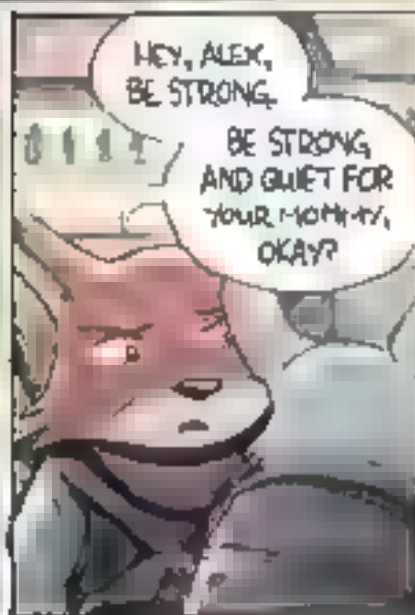
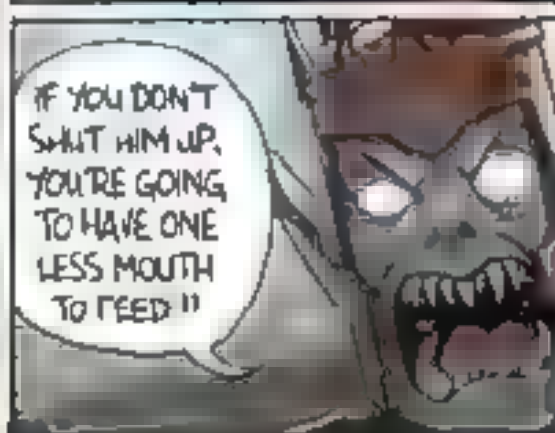
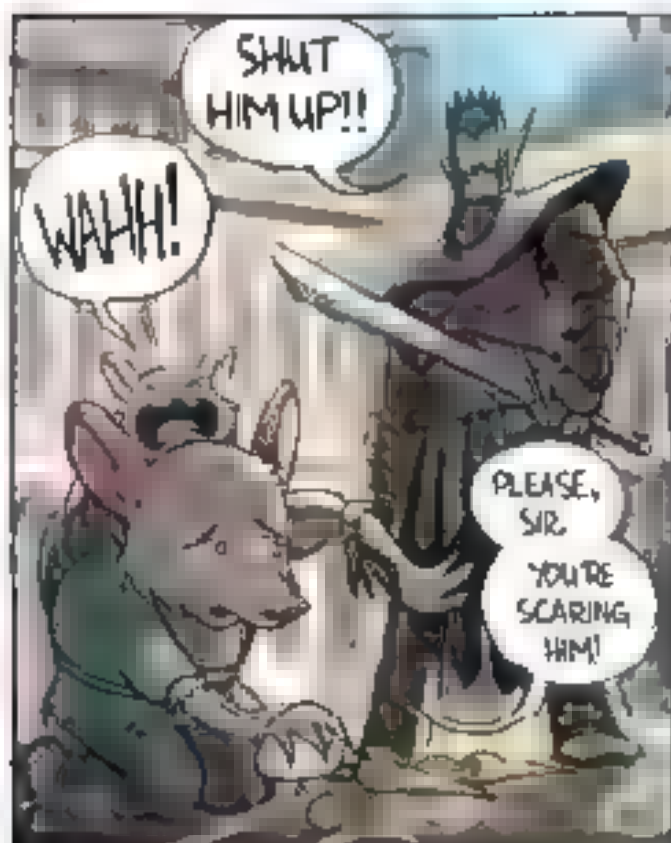


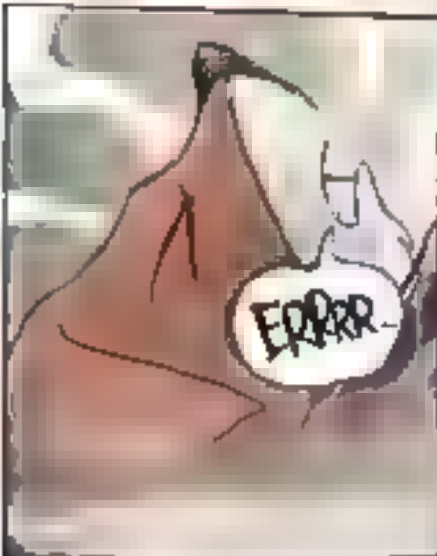


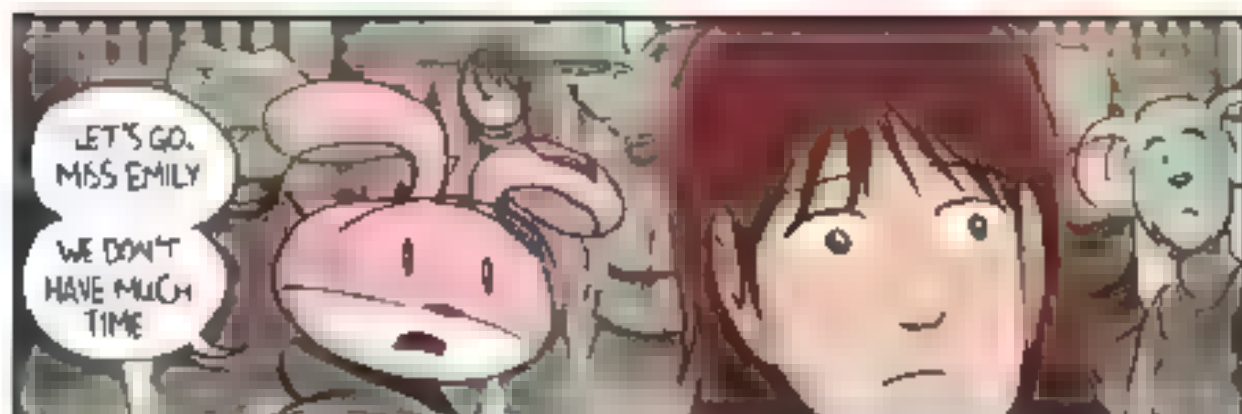






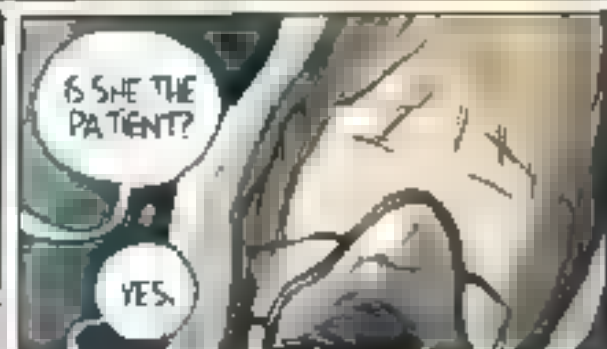
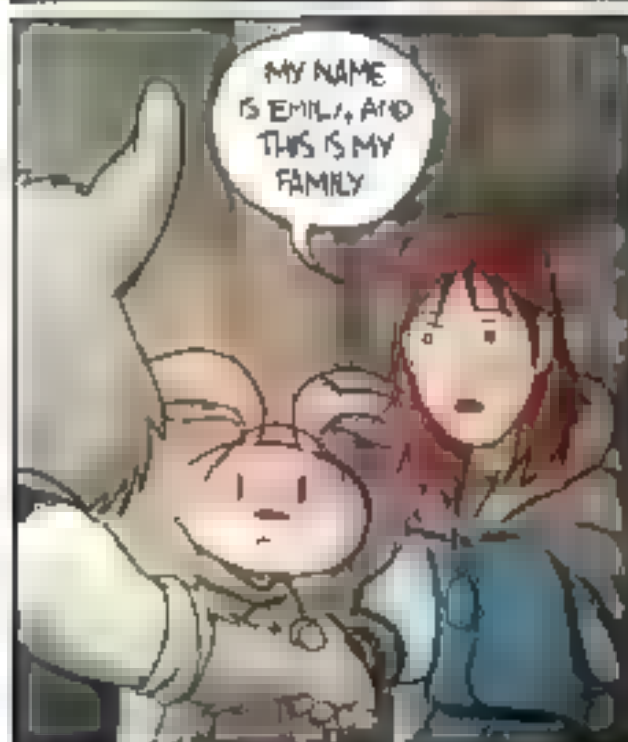


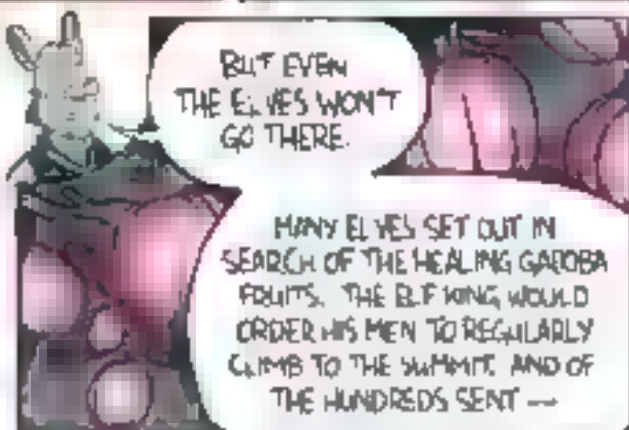
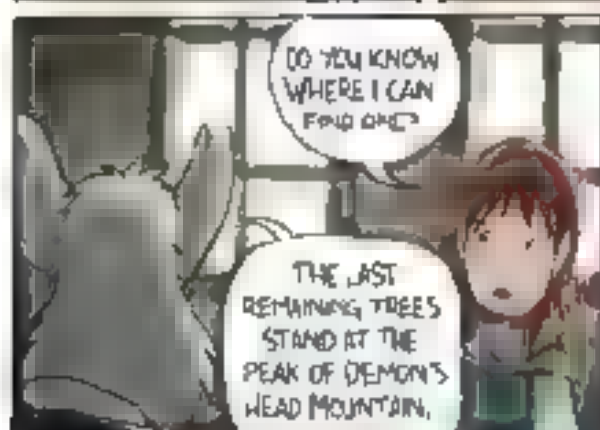
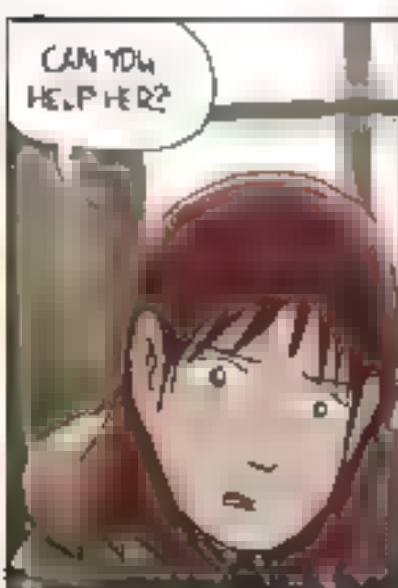
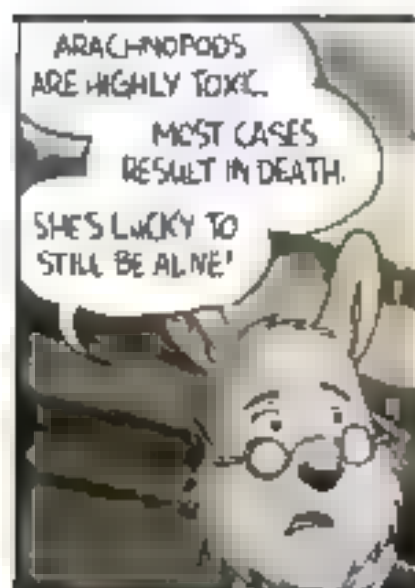




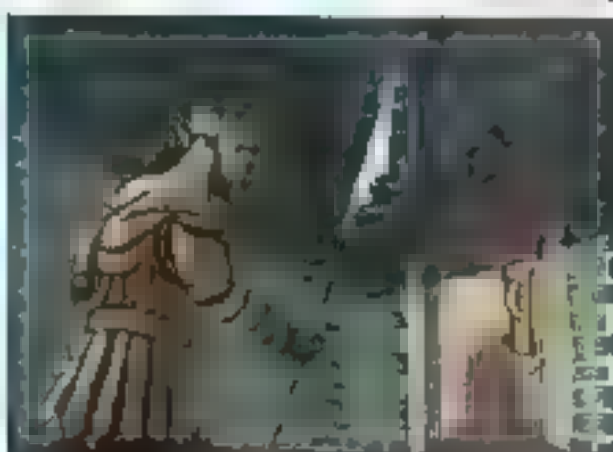
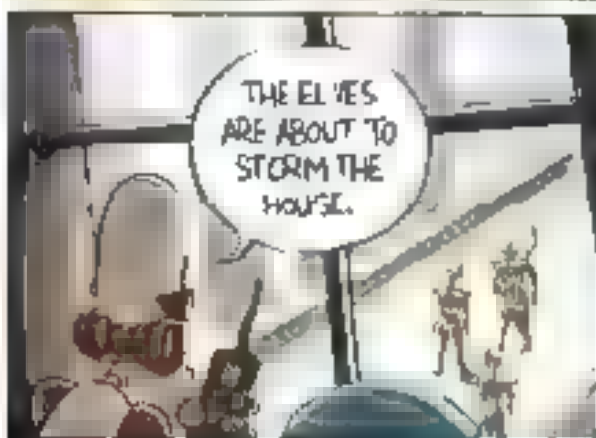


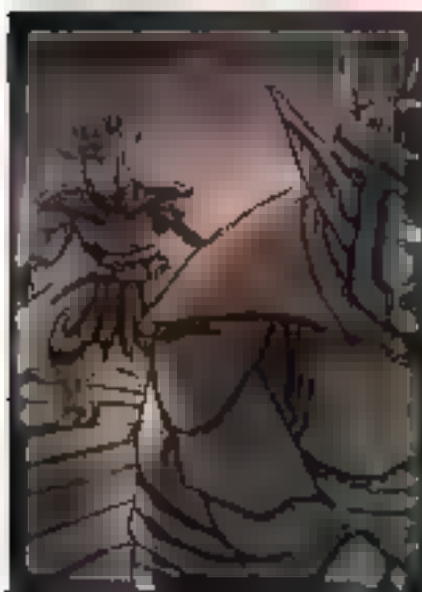
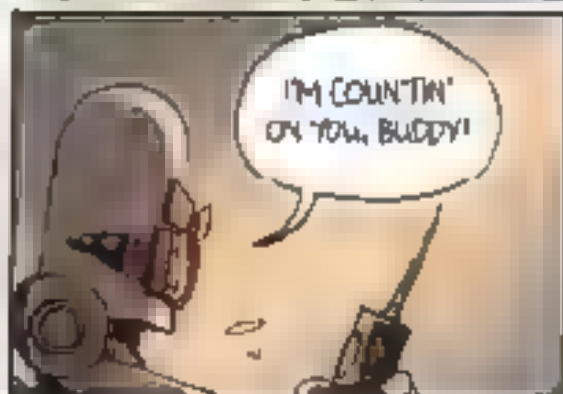
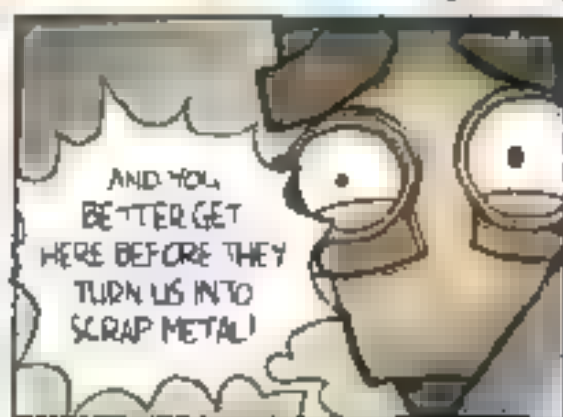




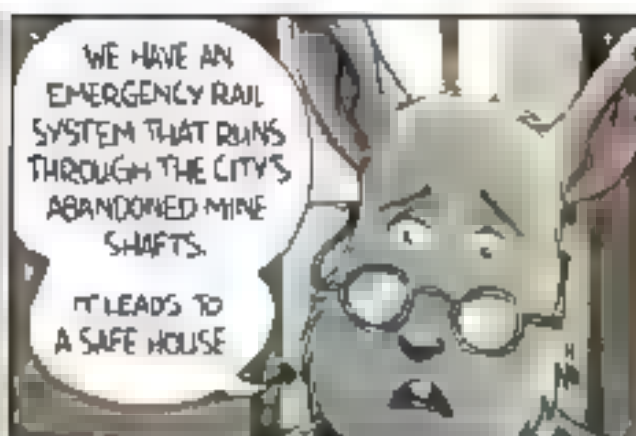


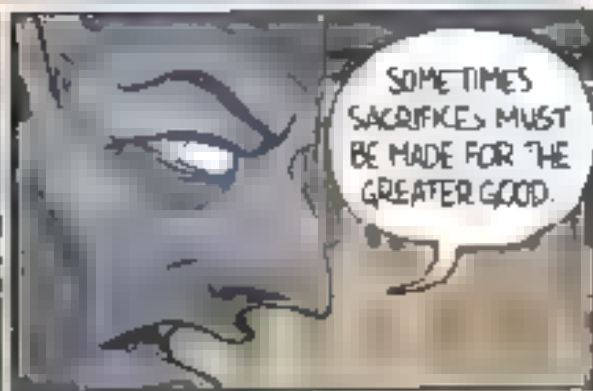
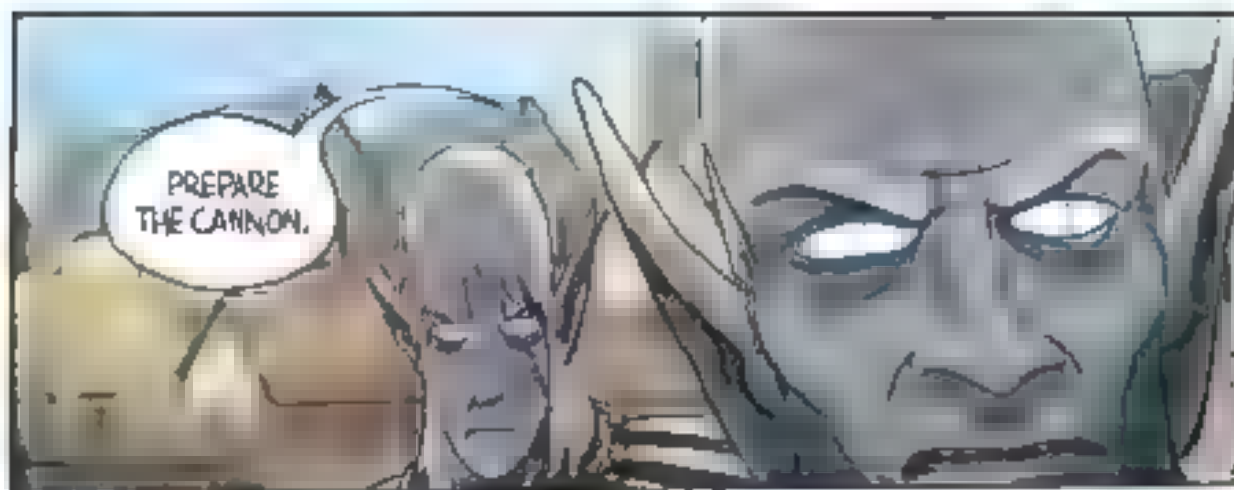


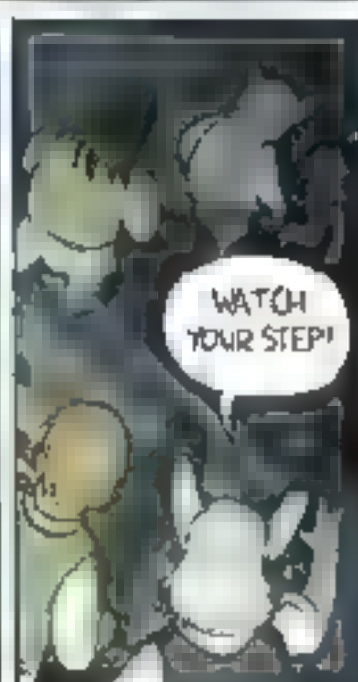
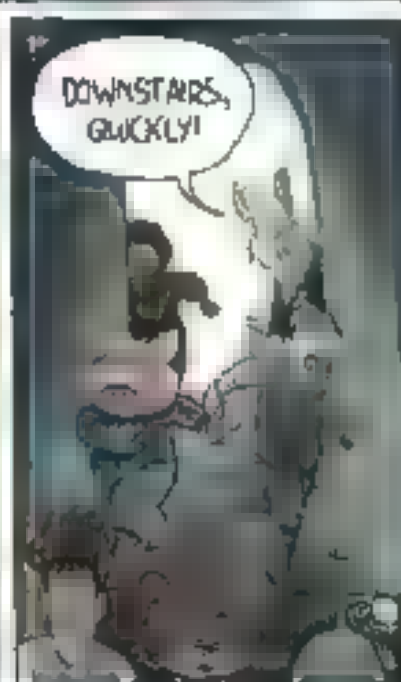


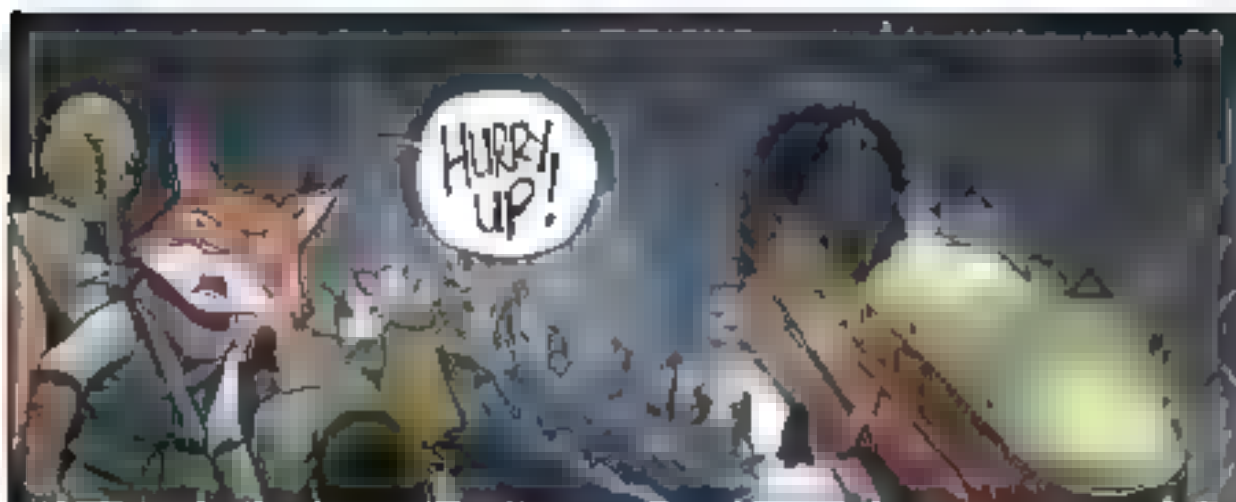


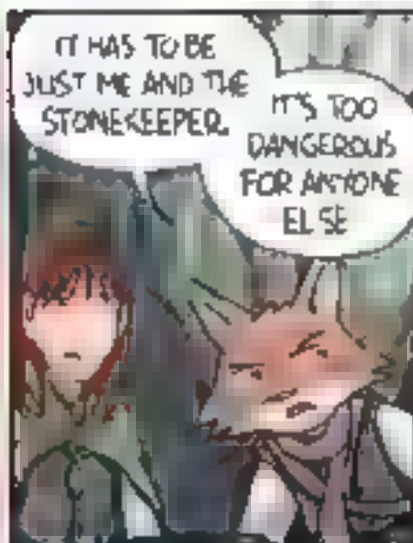
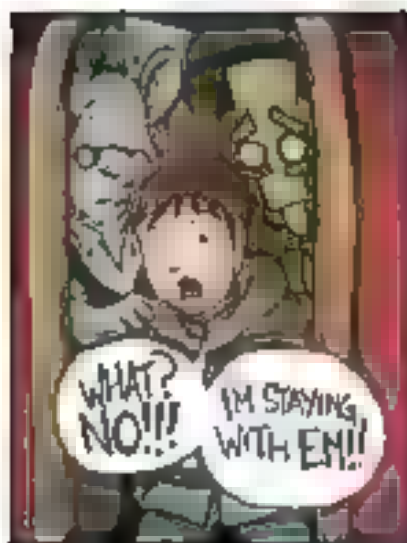




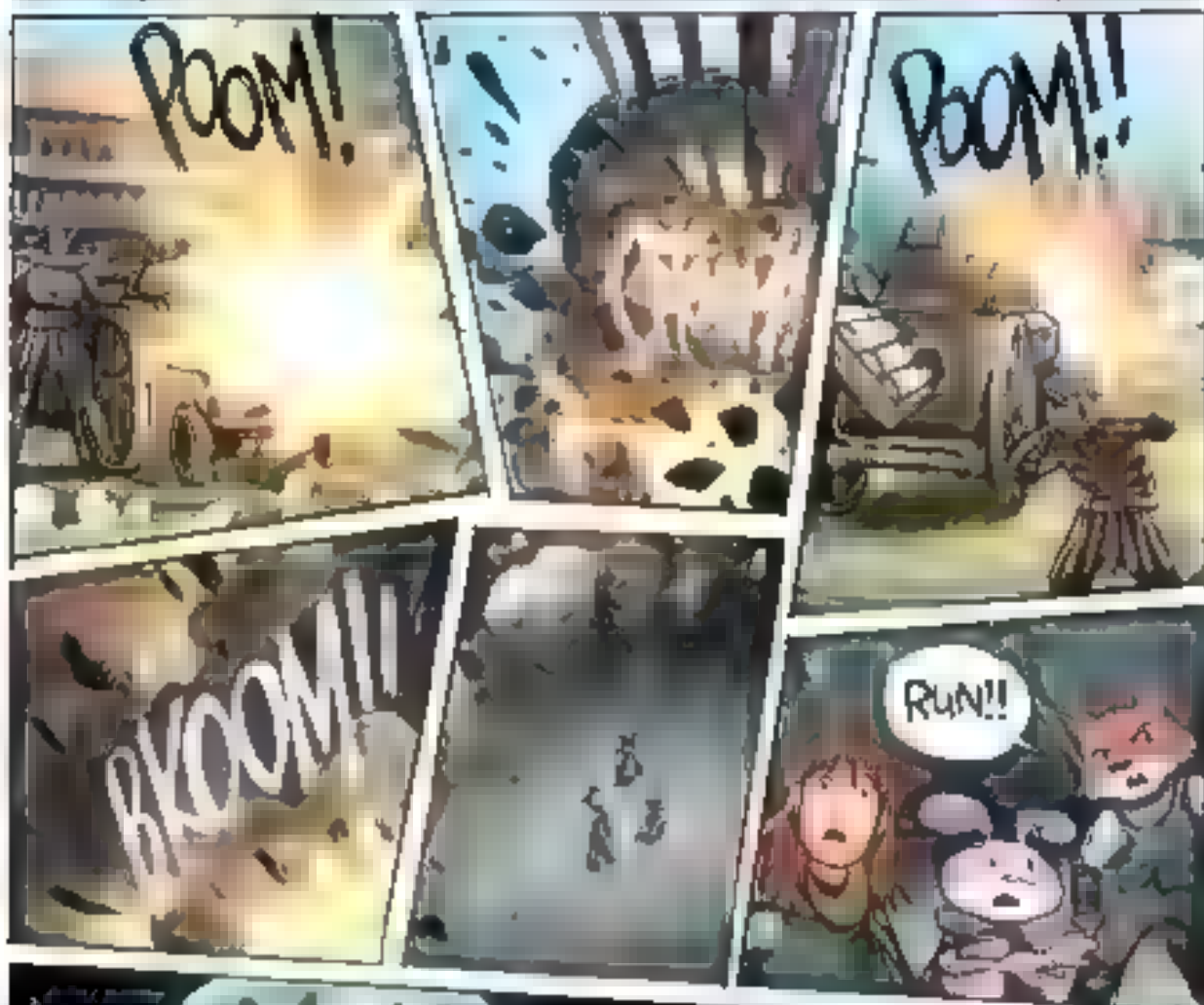


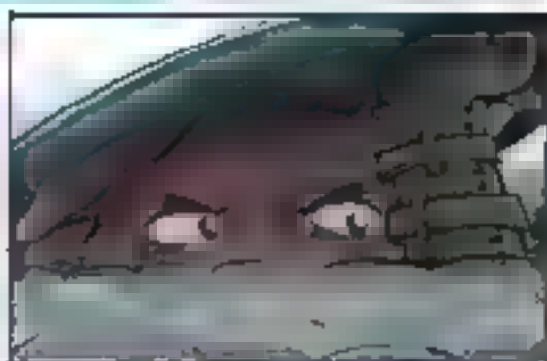
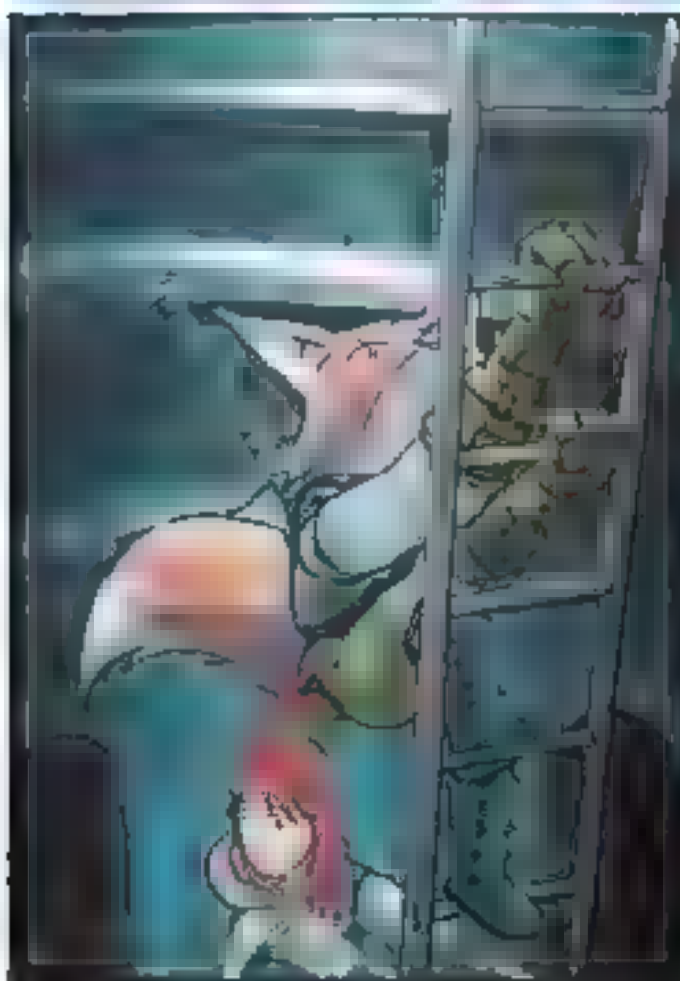
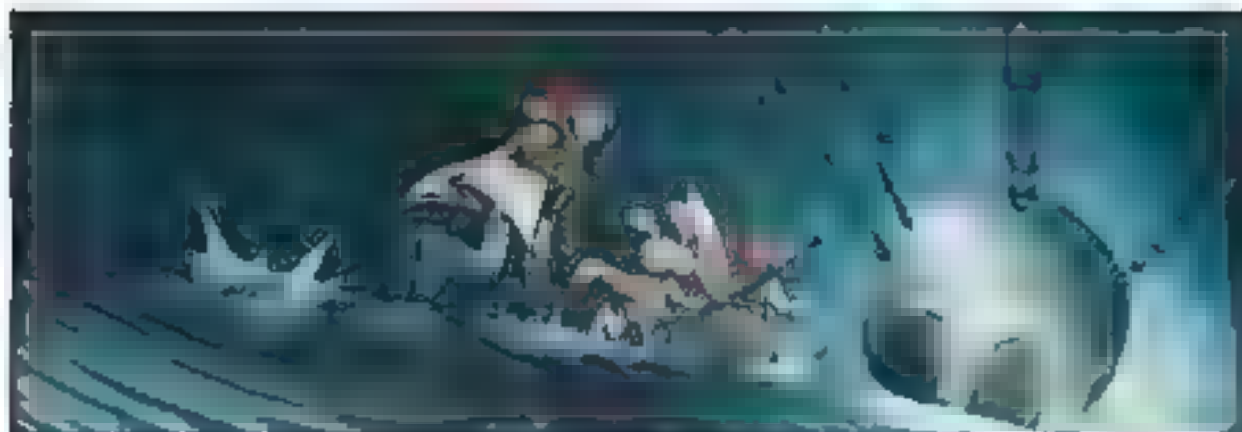




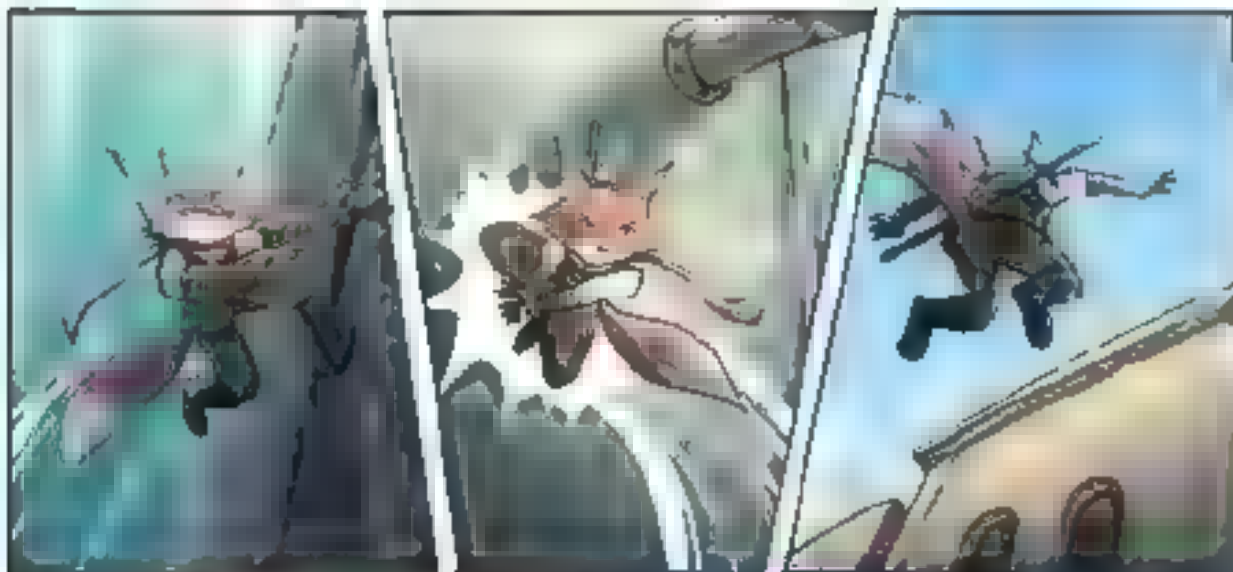








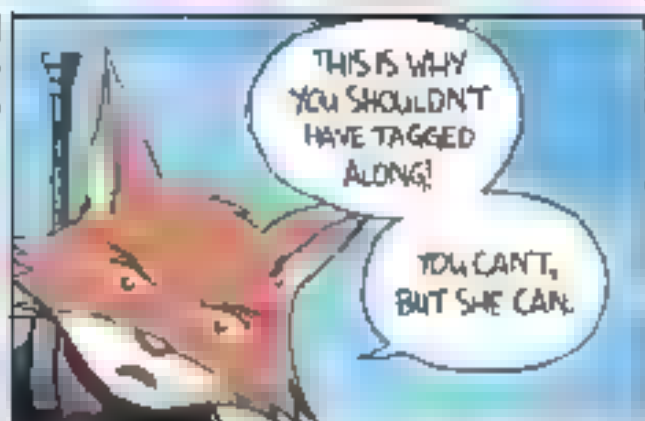




WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

ARE YOU KIDDING?

WE CAN'T DO THAT!



THIS IS WHY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TAGGED ALONG!

YOU CAN'T, BUT SHE CAN.



DON'T KNOW HOW.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW!!



YES SHE DOES.

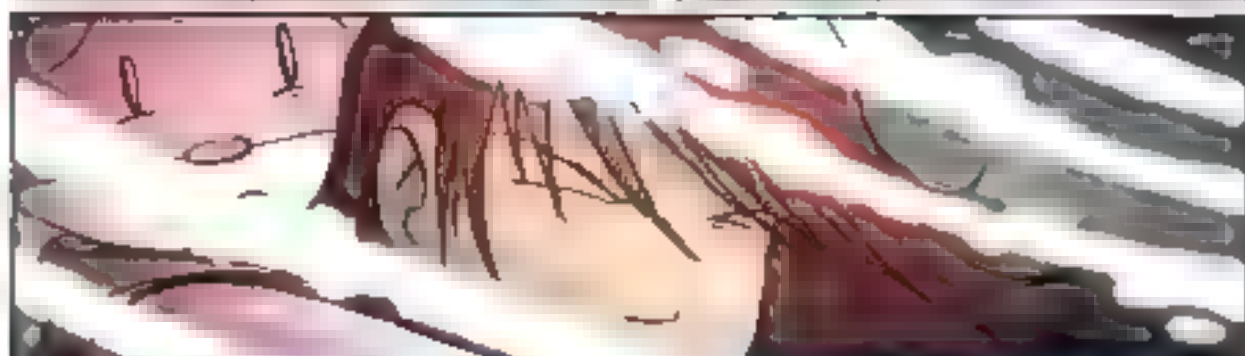
NOW STOP FOOLING AROUND DOWN THERE OR YOU'RE GOING TO GET US KILLED!

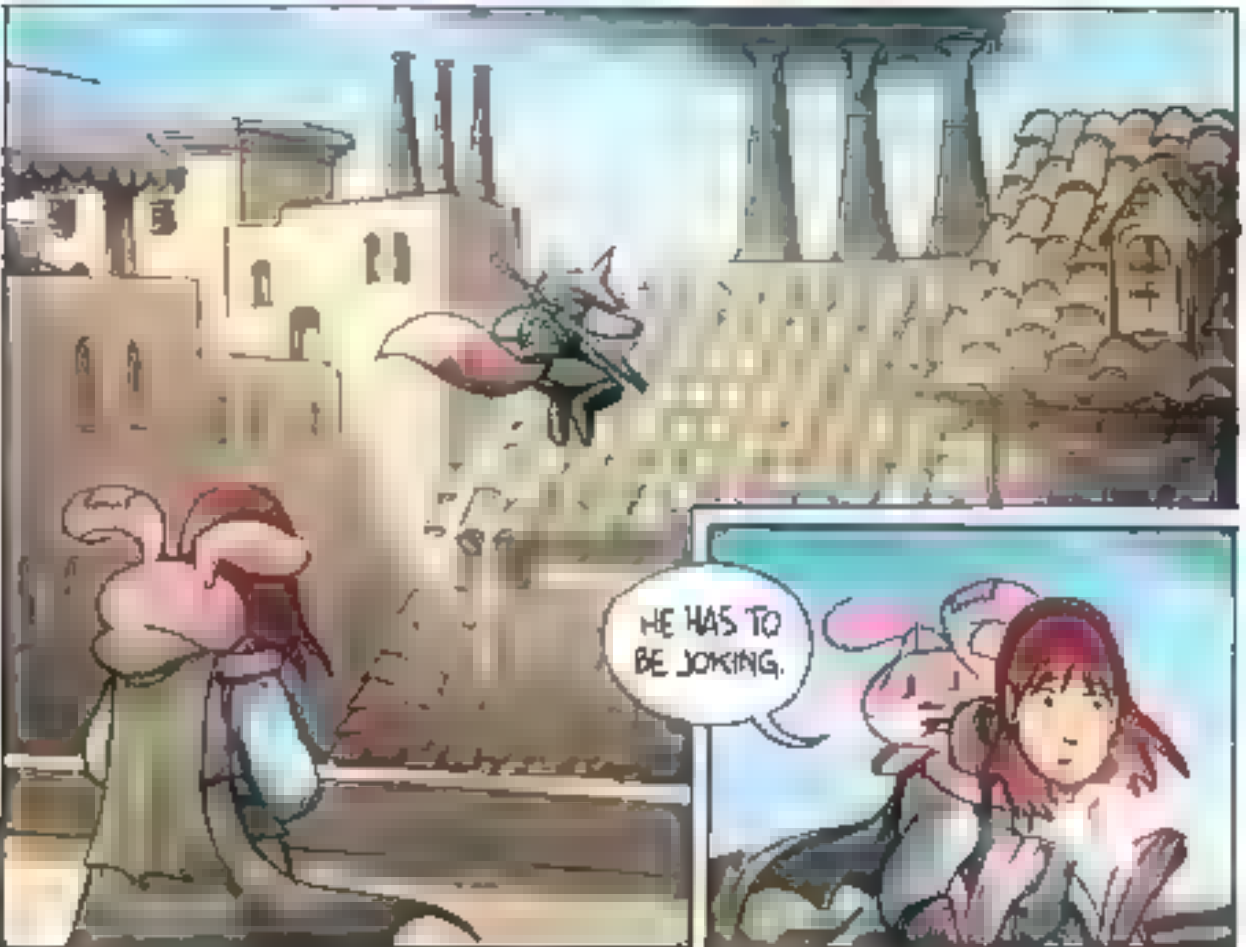
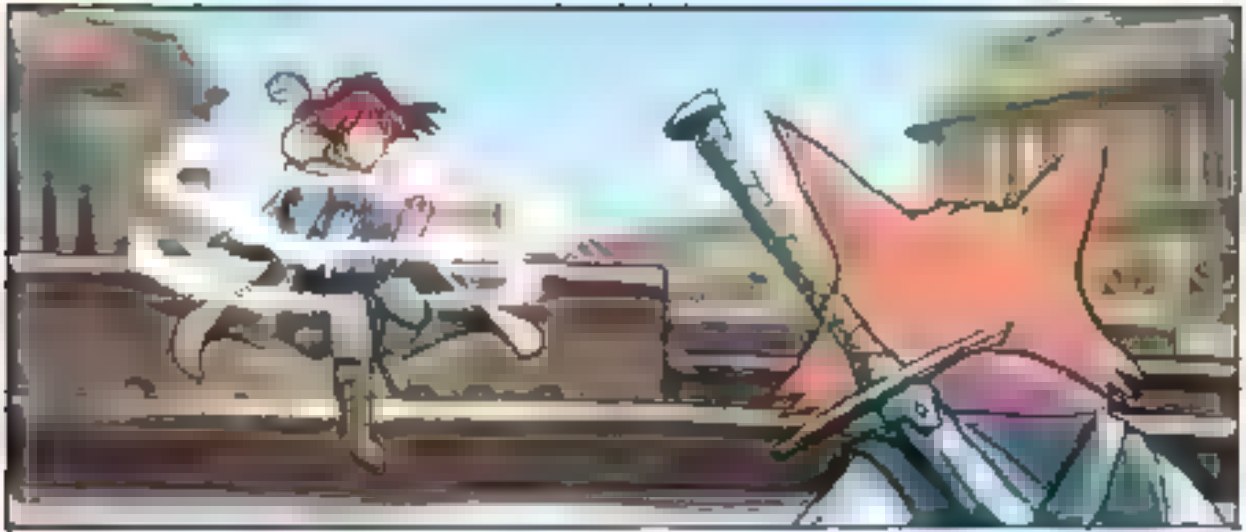


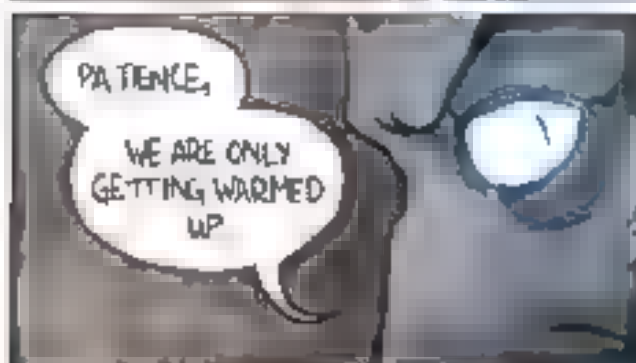
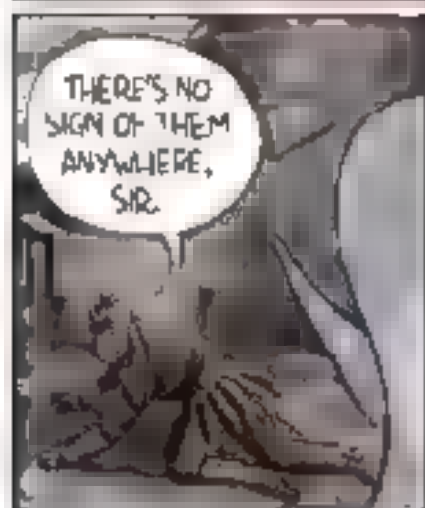
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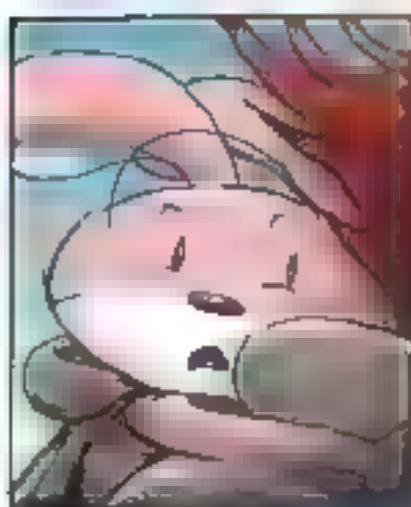
DON'T LET HIM BULLY YOU.

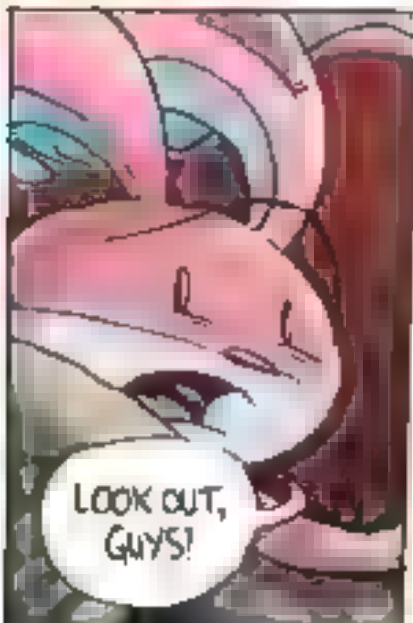
C'MON.



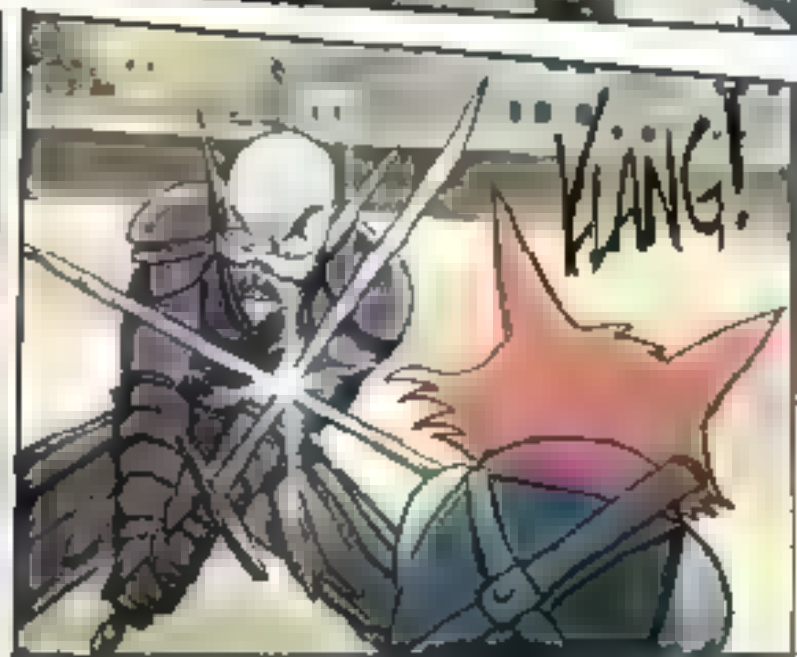
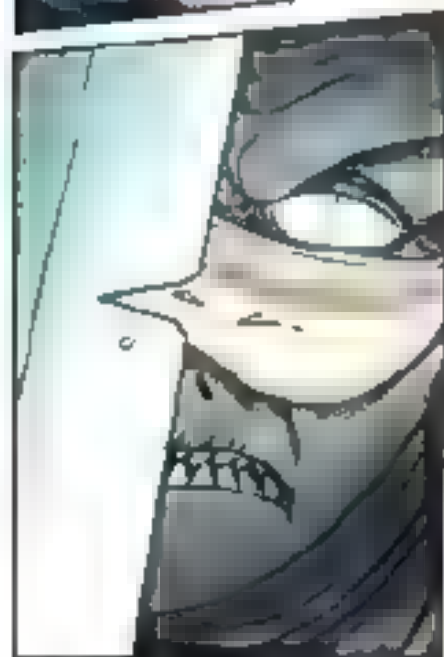
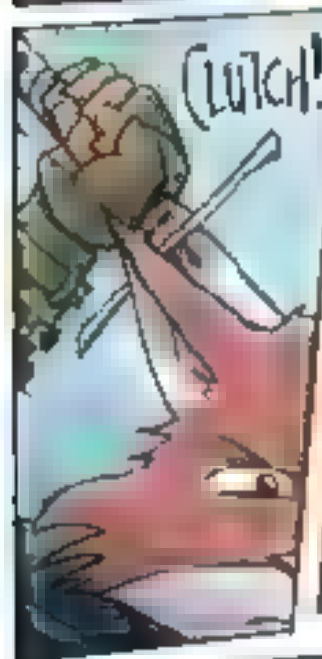




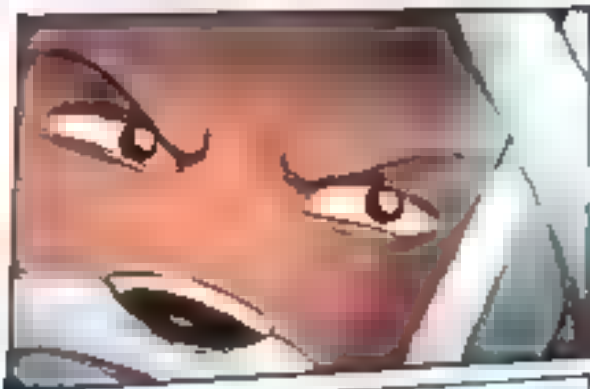
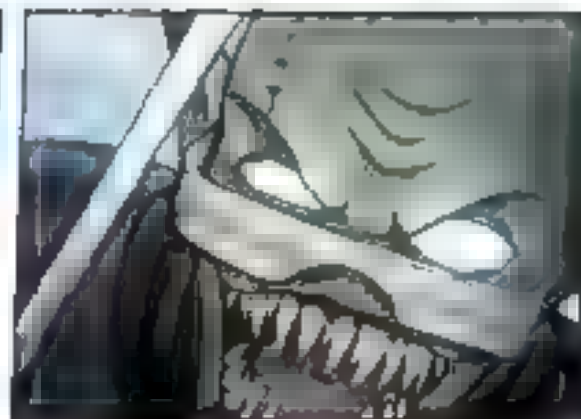


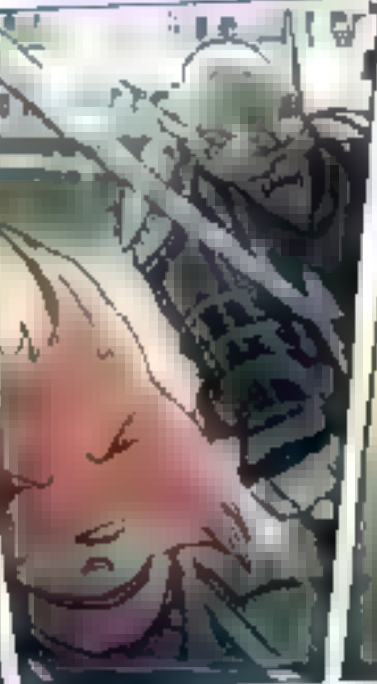


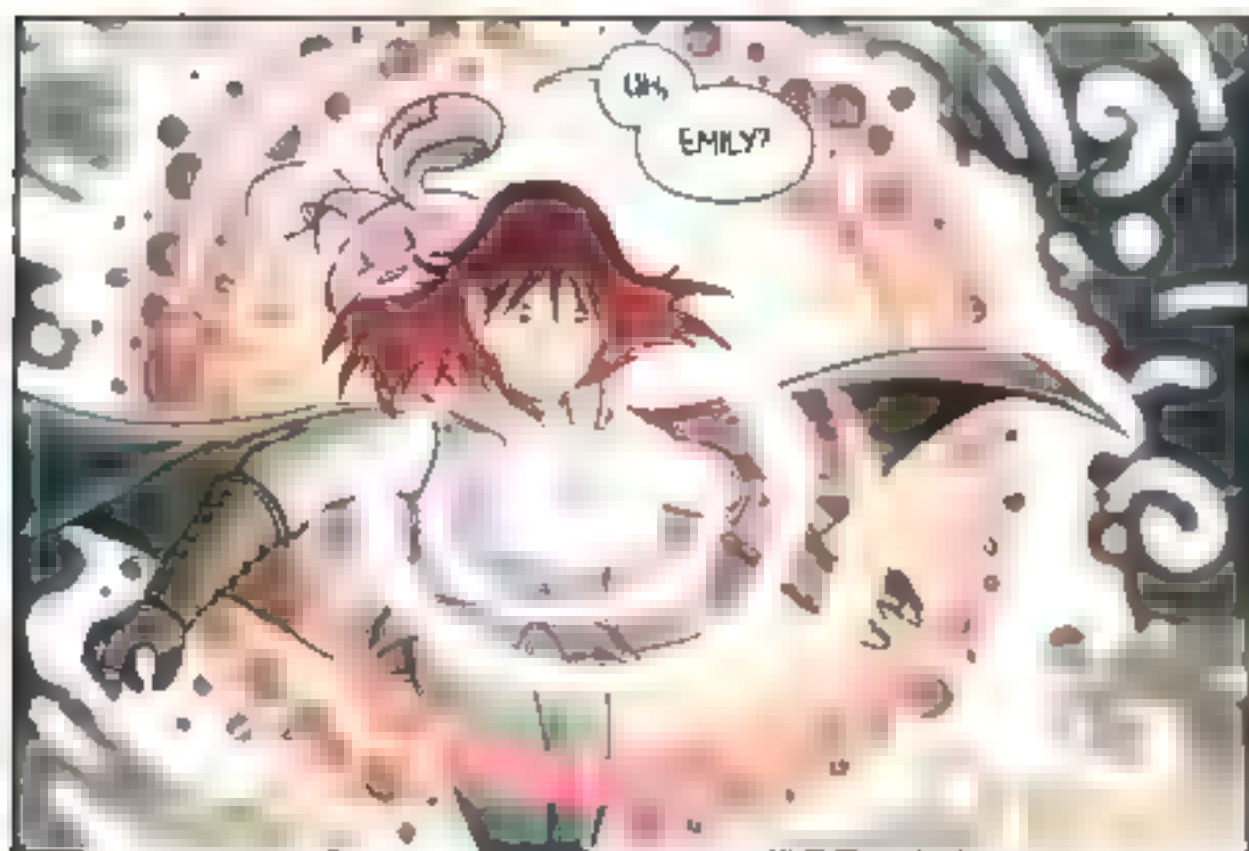
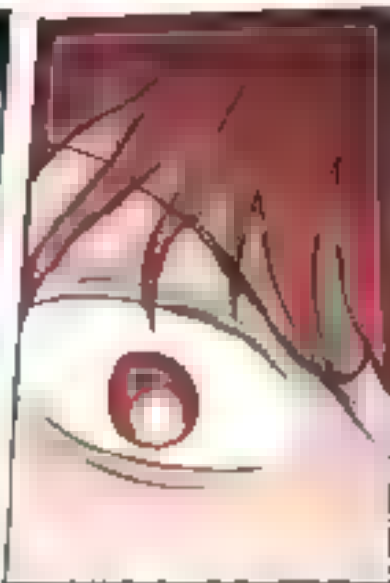
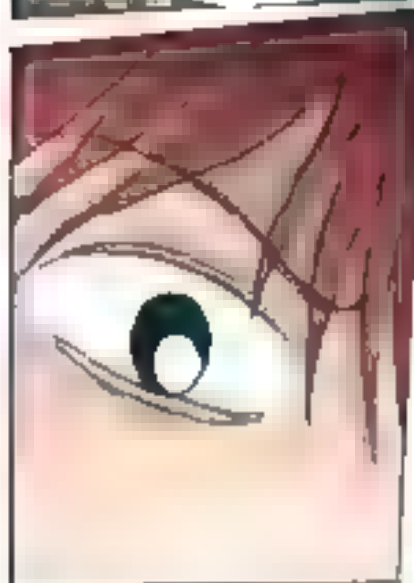


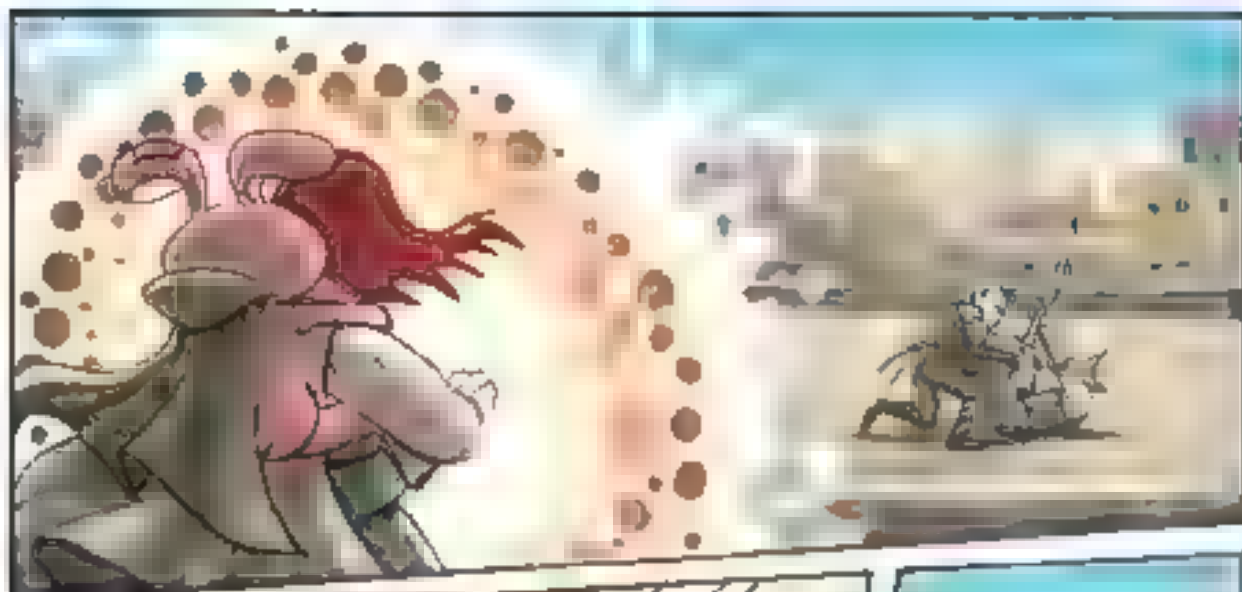




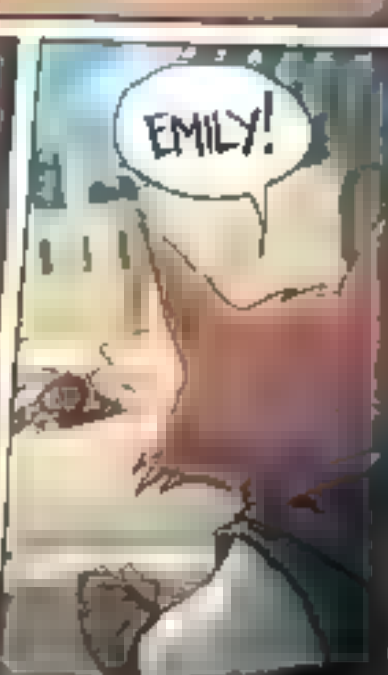
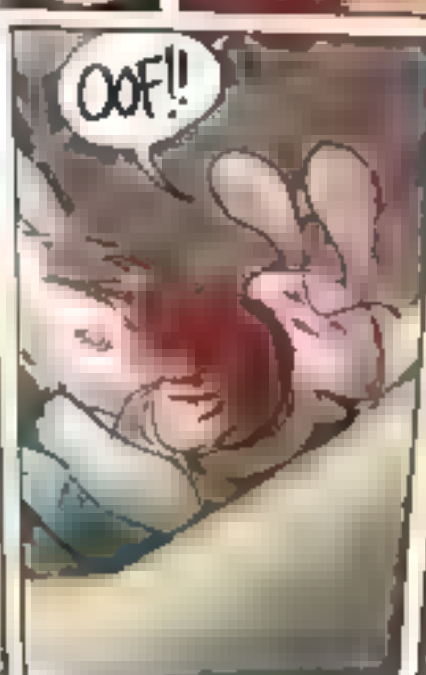
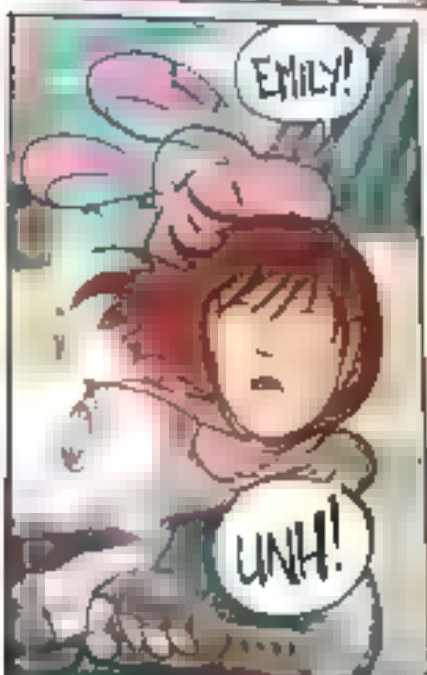
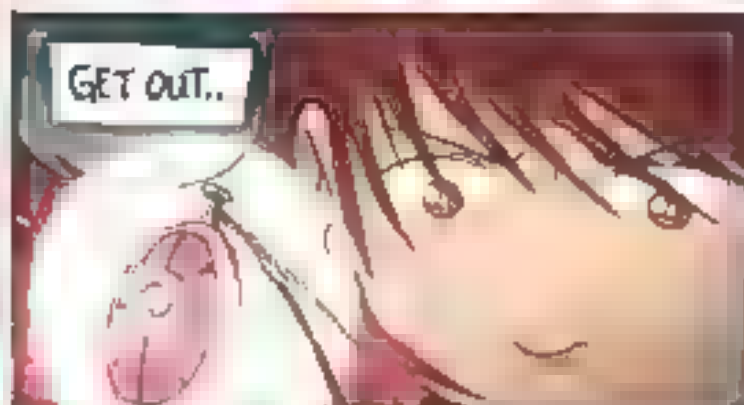
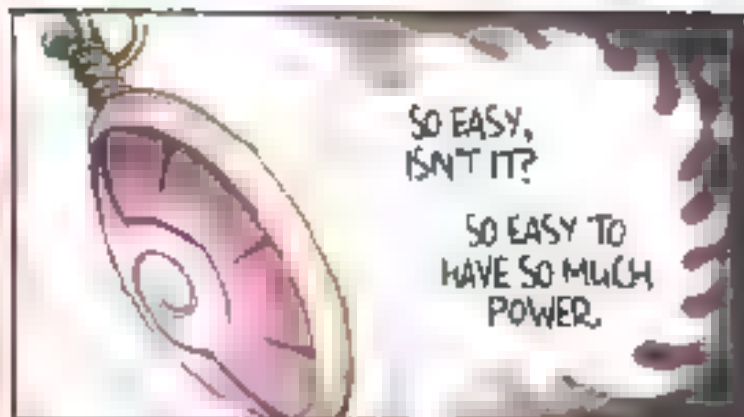
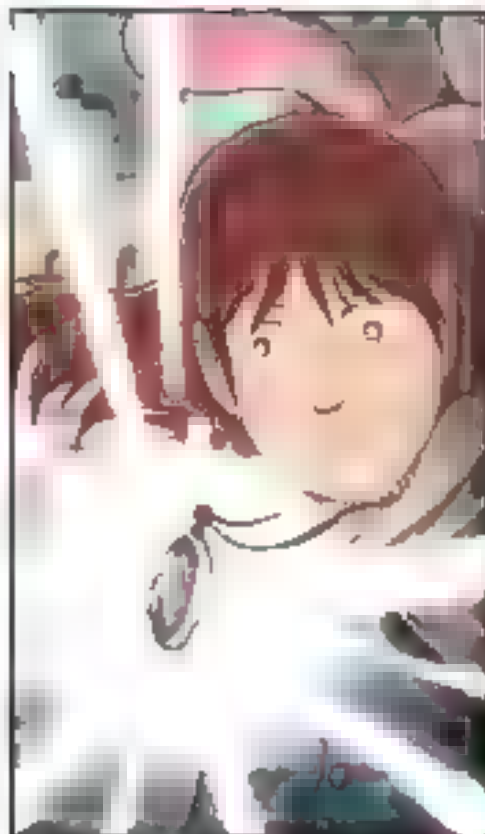


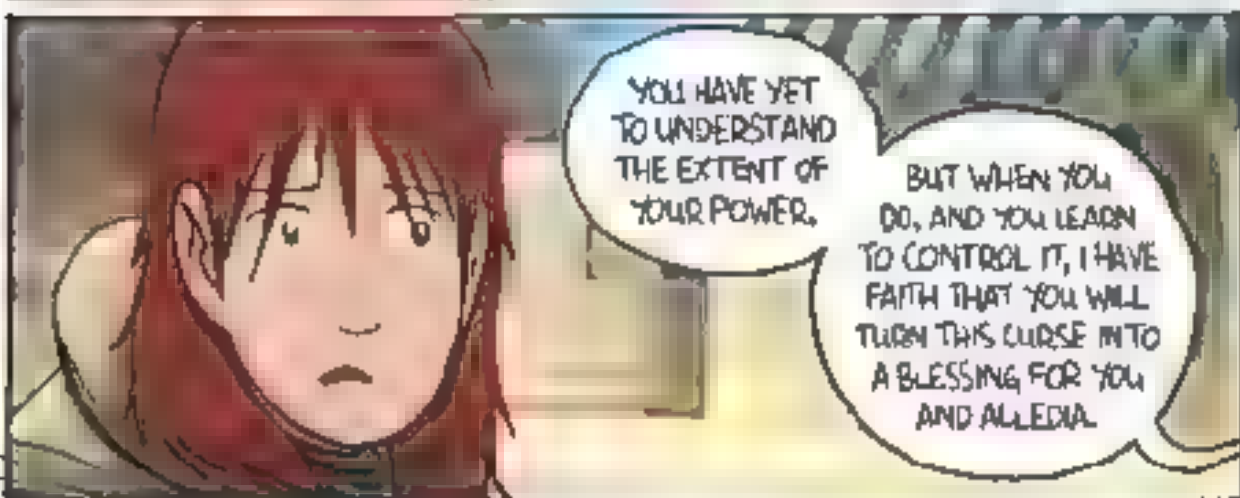
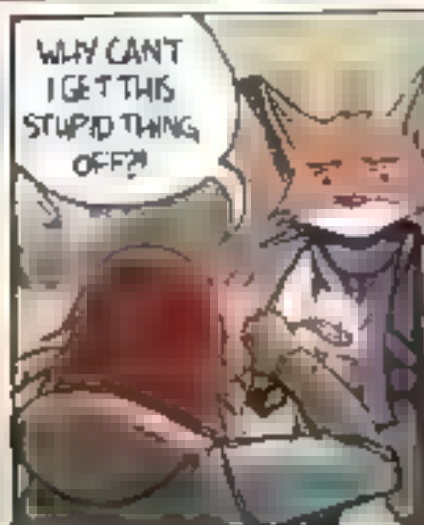










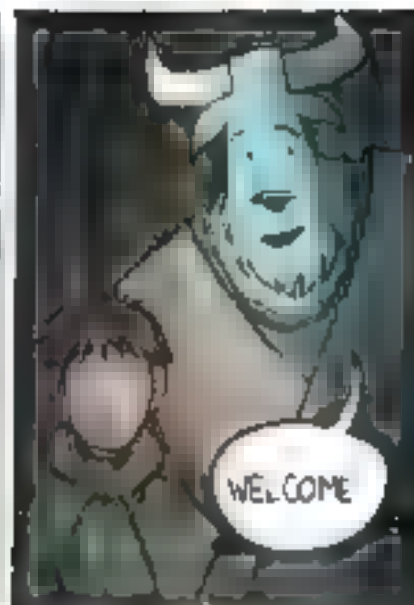
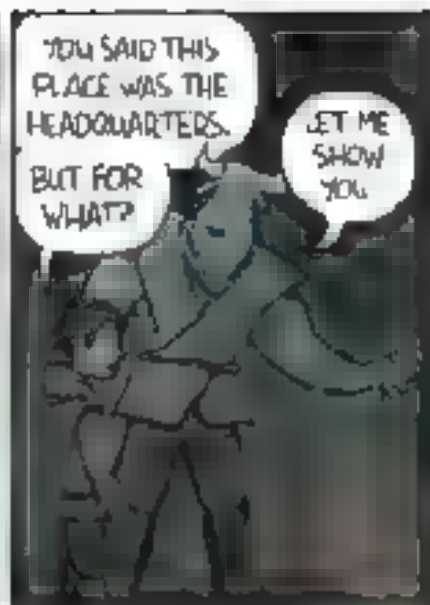


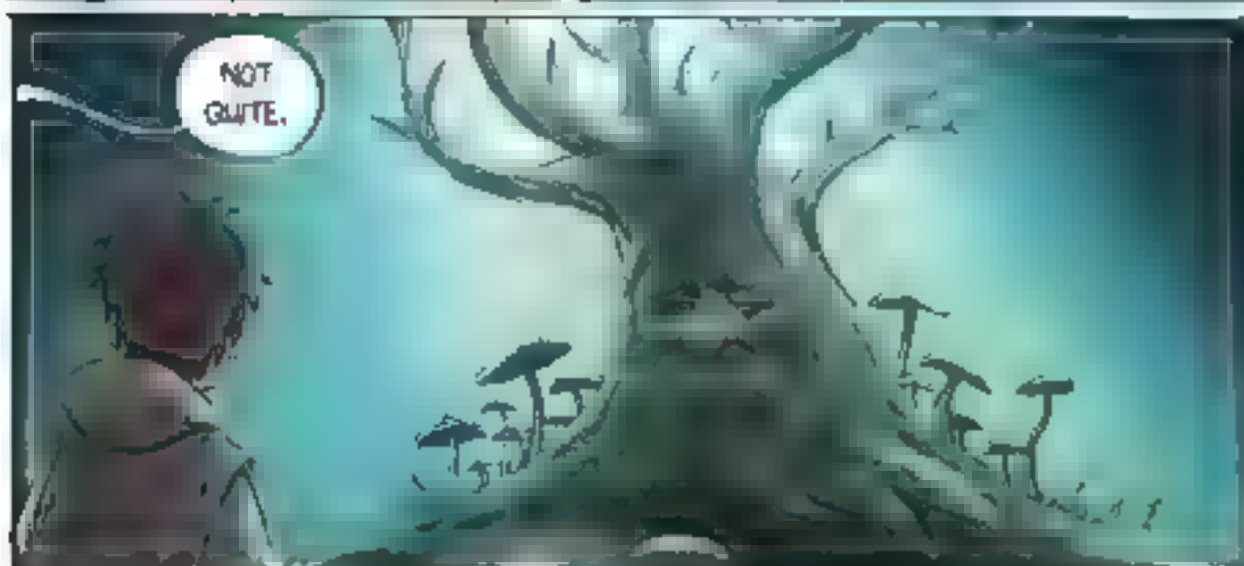














IT HAS BEEN A
LONG TIME SINCE
HIS BRANCHES
BORE FRUIT.

HE IS ONE OF THE
LAST GADGBA TREES,
PLANTED HERE MANY
YEARS AGO. HE WAS THE
ONE WHO FORE TOLD
YOU AND YOUR
SISTER'S CLIMBING.

FATHER ADLER!
IT IS I, BALAN.

I BRING
WITH ME THE
BROTHER OF THE
STONEKEEPER.



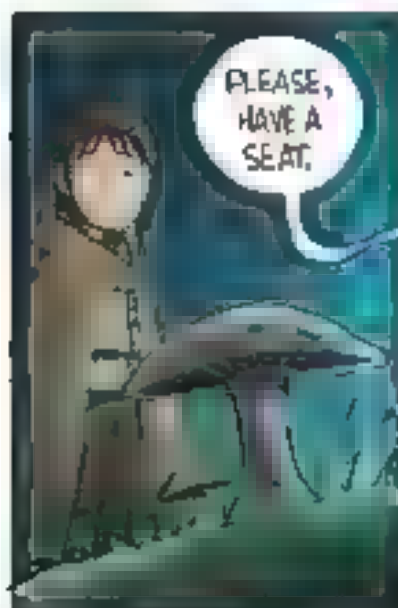
OH
YOU'RE
HERE



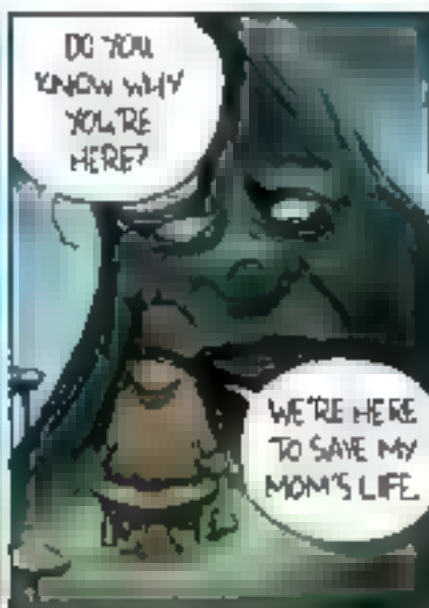
I'M SORRY,
I DIDN'T MEAN
TO WAKE YOU
UP

IT'S QUITE
ALL RIGHT.

I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THIS MOMENT
FOR QUITE
SOME TIME



PLEASE,
HAVE A
SEAT.



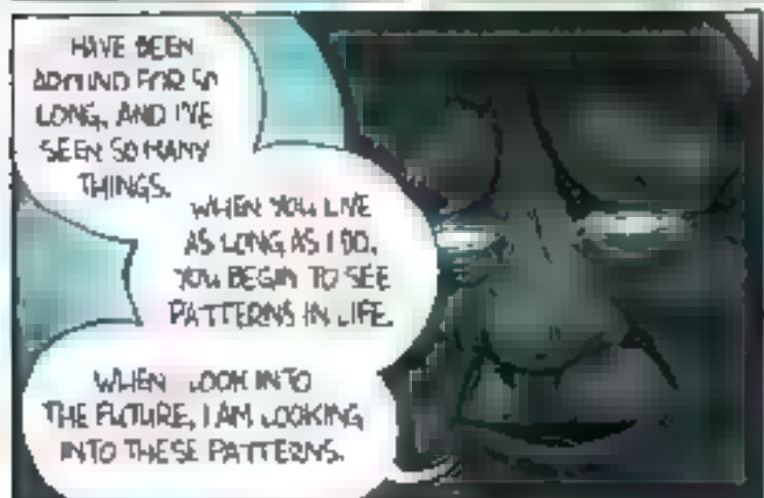
DO YOU
KNOW WHY
YOU'RE
HERE?

WE'RE HERE
TO SAVE MY
MOM'S LIFE.



OH, BUT YOU
WILL DO MUCH
MORE THAN
THAT.

SO YOU
CAN REALLY
SEE THE
FUTURE?



HAVE BEEN
AROUND FOR SO
LONG, AND I'VE
SEEN SO MANY
THINGS.

WHEN YOU LIVE
AS LONG AS I DO,
YOU BEGIN TO SEE
PATTERNS IN LIFE.

WHEN I LOOK INTO
THE FUTURE, I AM LOOKING
INTO THESE PATTERNS.



YOU CREATURES
ARE NOT AS
COMPLEX AS YOU
MAKE YOURSELVES
OUT TO BE.



IF YOU REALLY
CAN SEE INTO
THE FUTURE, THEN
PLEASE TELL ME

WILL MY SISTER
BE OKAY?



IF THERE
IS ONLY BAD NEWS
TO TELL, DO YOU
STILL WISH TO
HEAR IT?



IT MIGHT
BE BETTER TO
SIMPLY HOPE
FOR THE BEST



I NEED TO
KNOW THE
TRUTH

WILL SHE
BE OKAY?



I SEE THE IMAGE OF
YOUR SISTER ARRIVING AT
THE SUMMIT OF DEMON'S
HEAD MOUNTAIN.

THERE SHE WILL MEET
MY BROTHERS, AND SHE
WILL ATTEMPT TO PICK
THE FRUIT THAT WILL
CURE YOUR MOTHER.



THE IMAGES THAT
FOLLOW ARE MUCH
LESS CLEAR

BUT ONE PICTURE
APPEARS VIVIDLY

IT IS THE IMAGE
OF YOUR SISTER
FALLING OFF OF
A CLIFF.

SHE IS
UNCONSCIOUS,
AND DEATH AWAITS
HER BELOW.

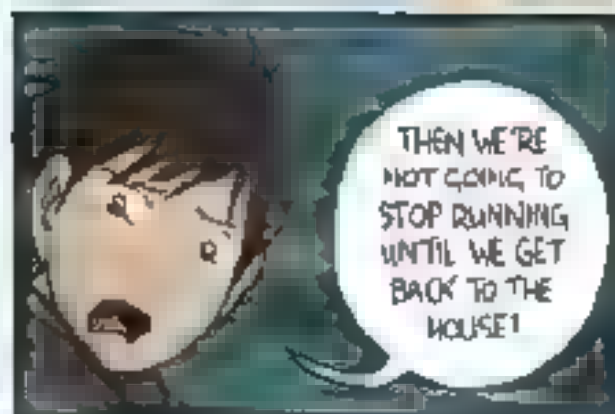
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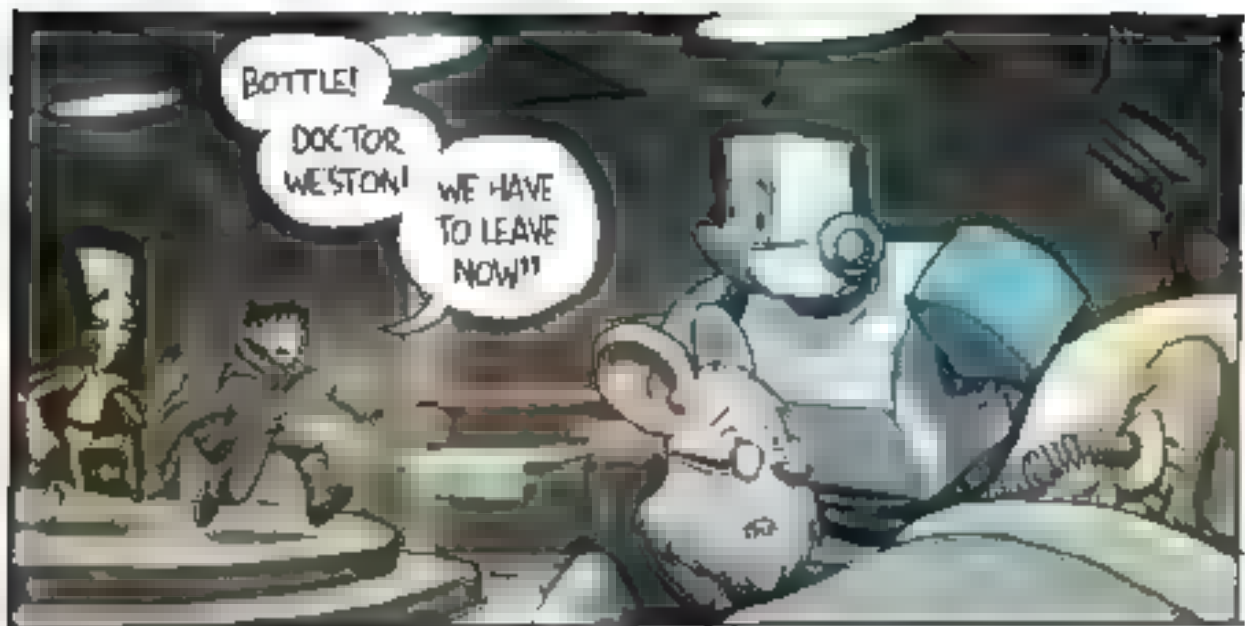


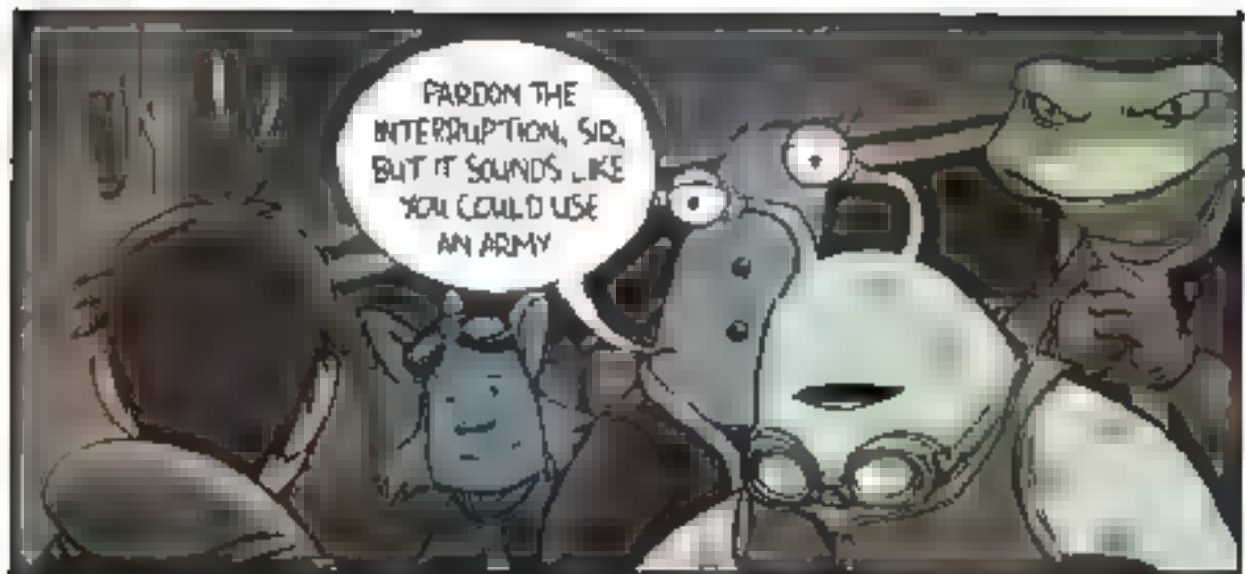
MORRIE!
WE HAVE TO
LEAVE!
NOW!

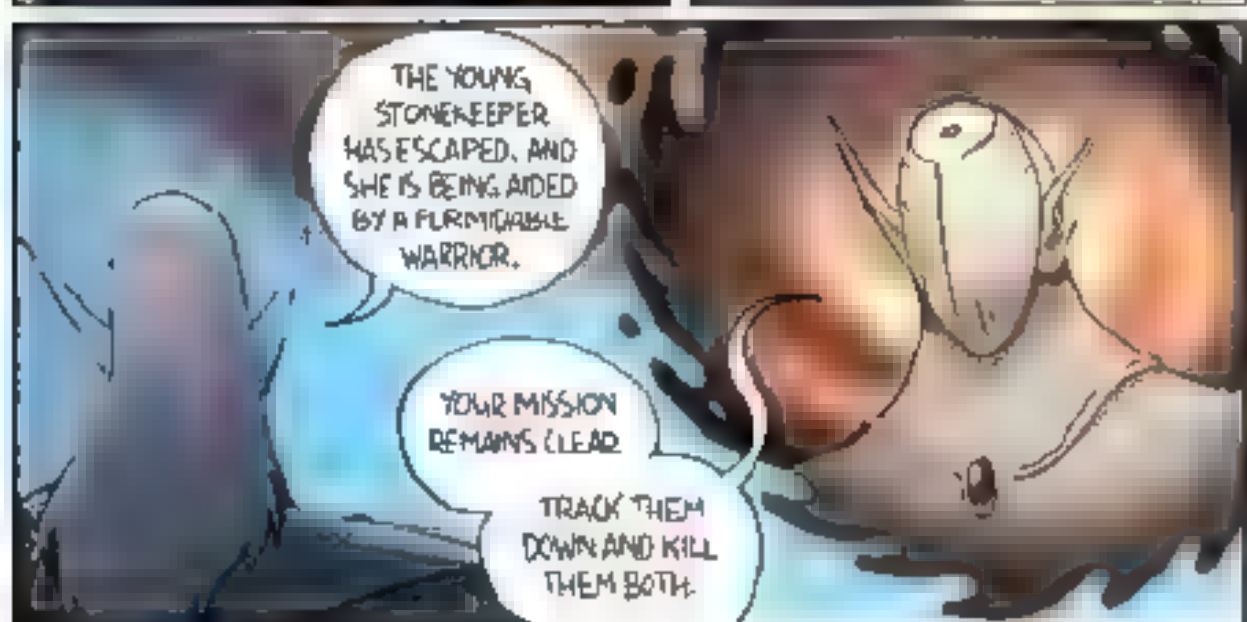
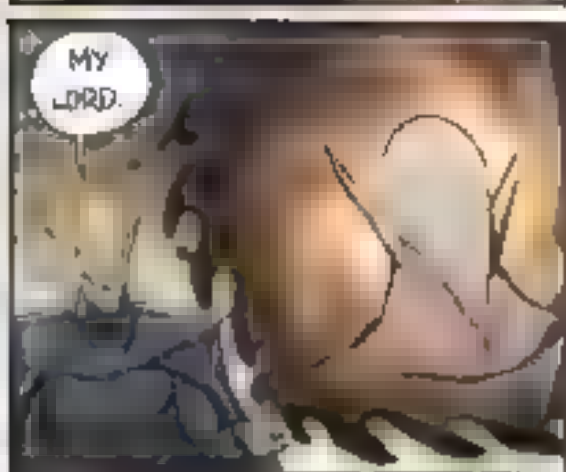
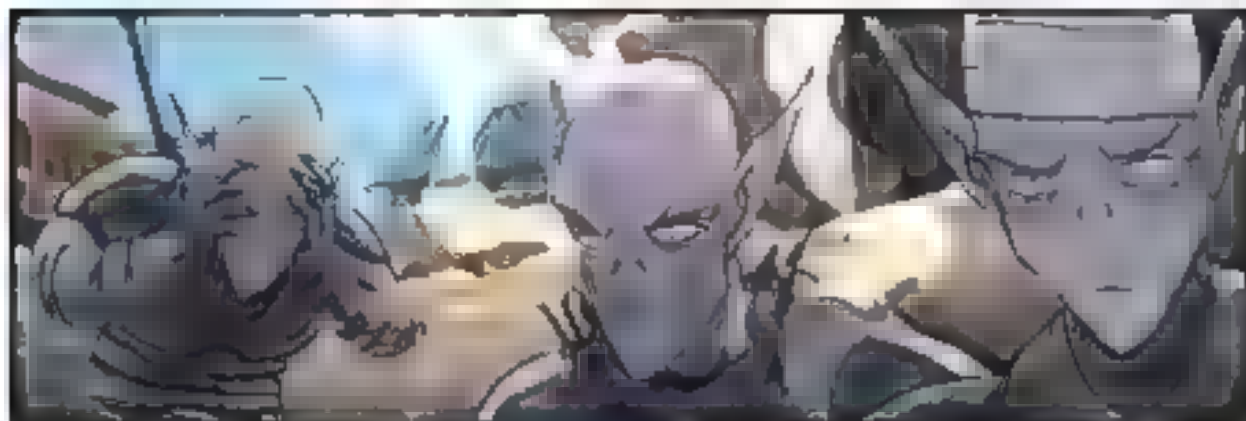


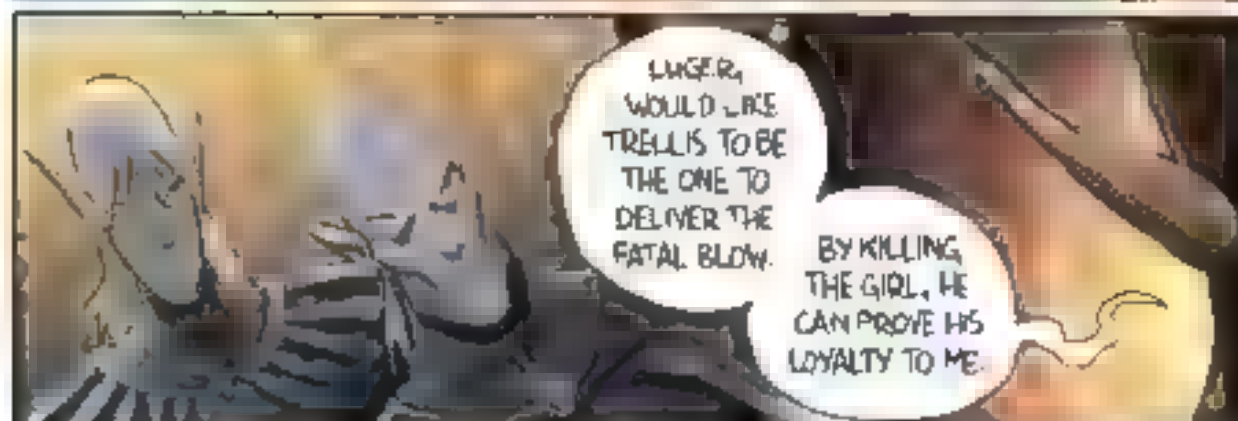
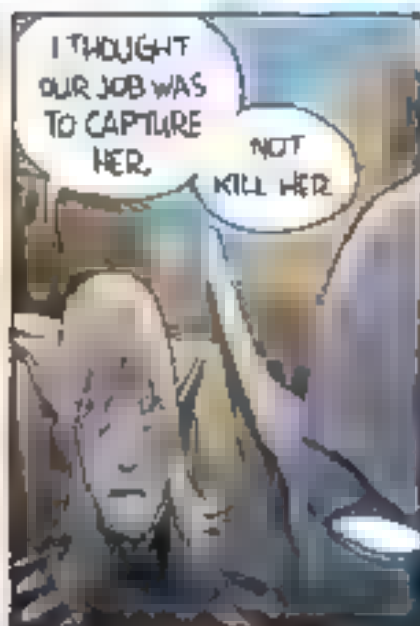
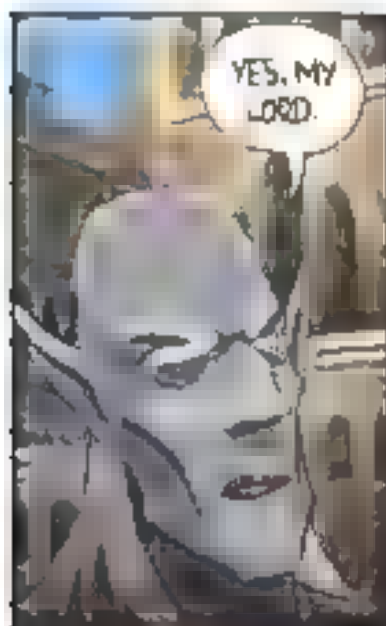
WAIT!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR FUTURE!

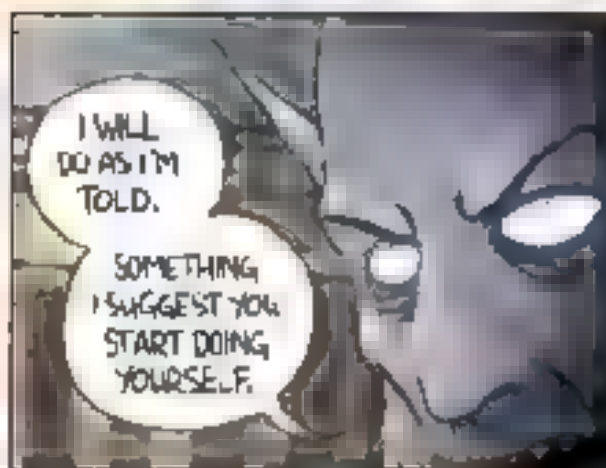
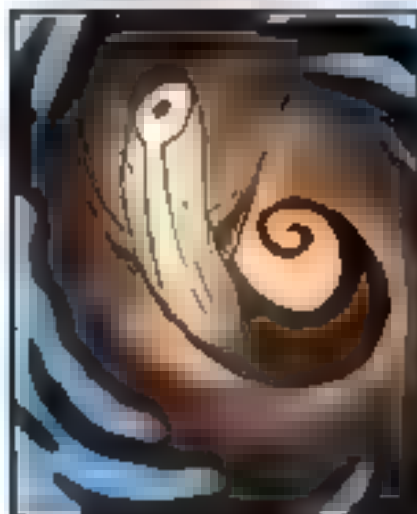
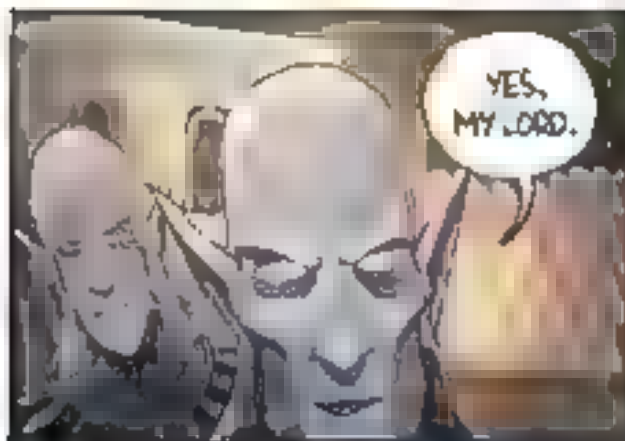


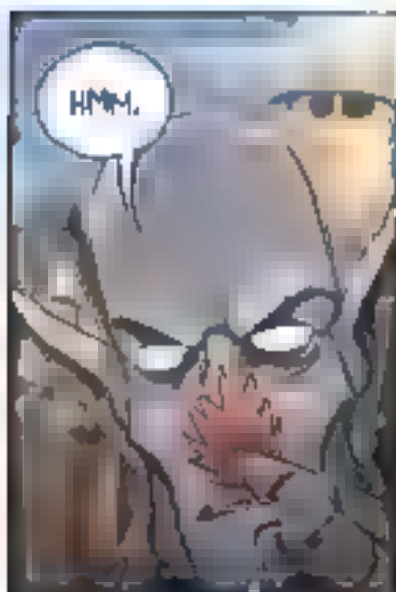












HMM.



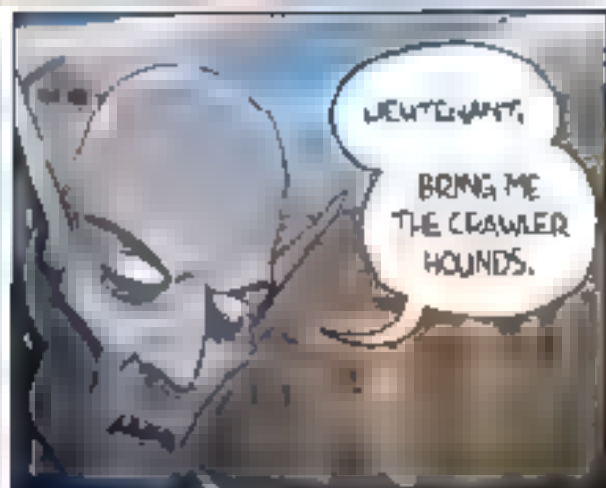
SNIF!
SNIF!



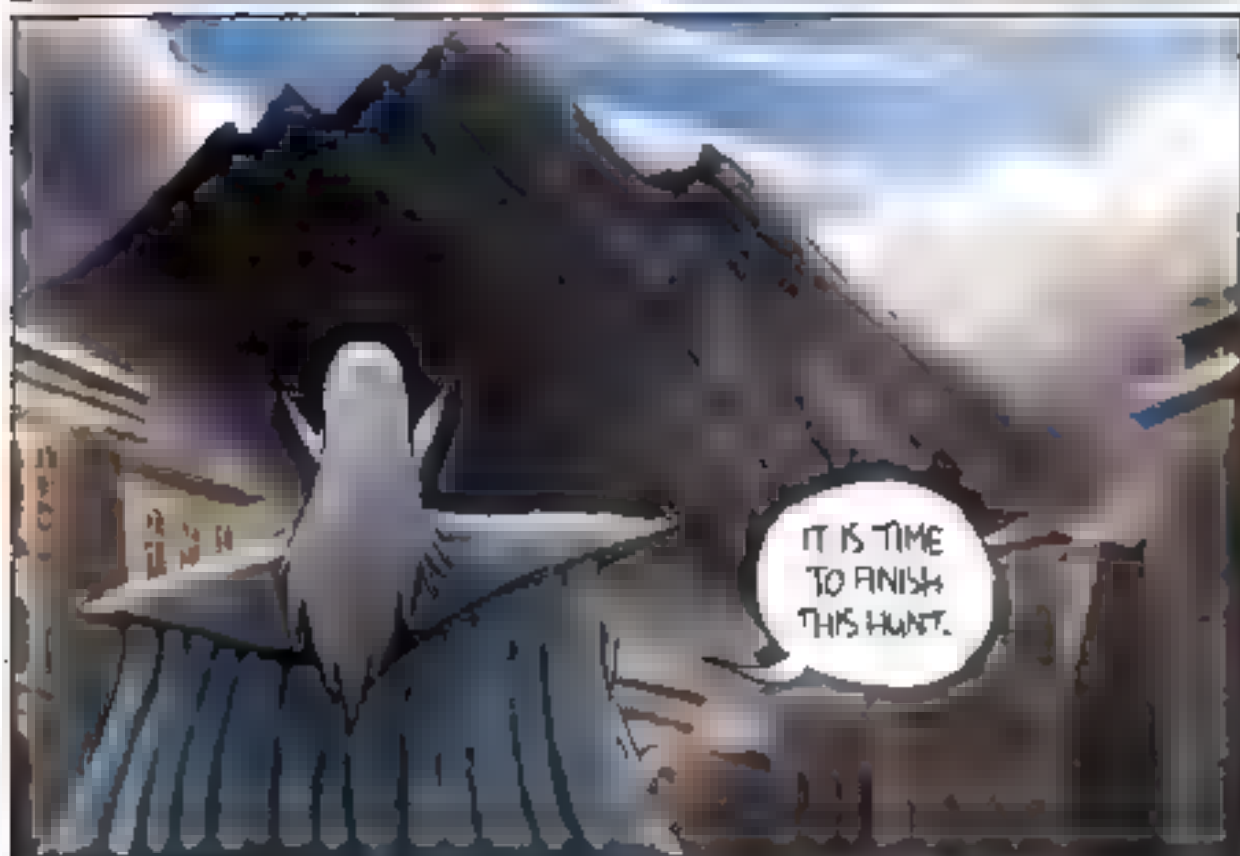
A FOX.



SIR, MY MEN
HAVE REPORTED
SEEING THE TARGETS
EN ROUTE TO DEMON'S
HEAD MOUNTAIN

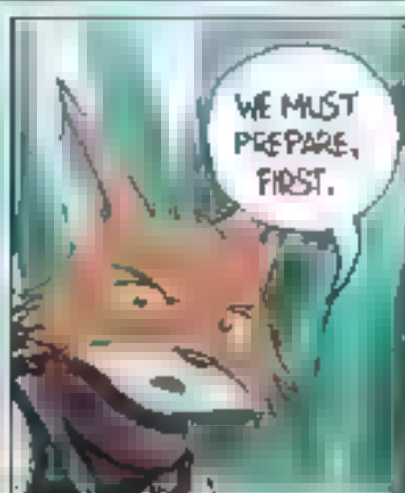
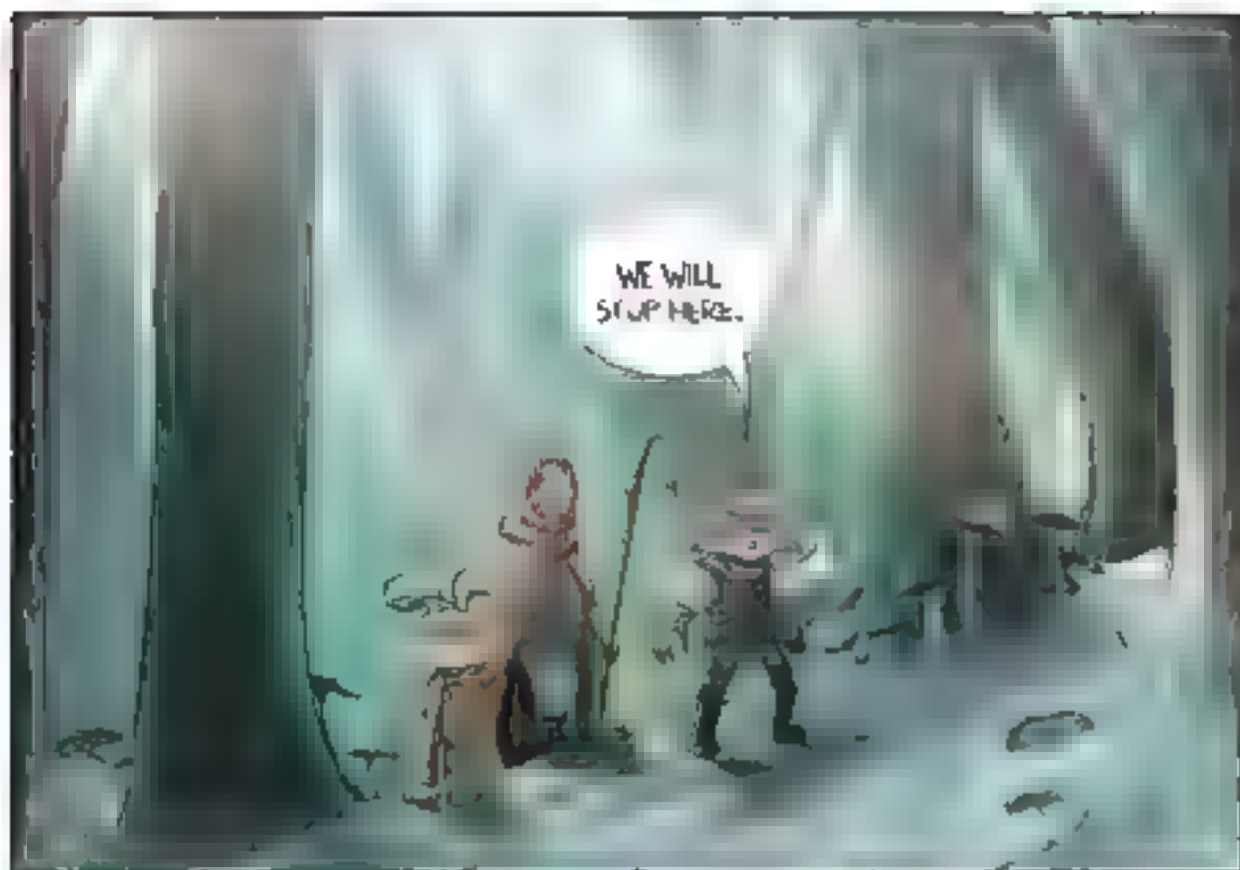


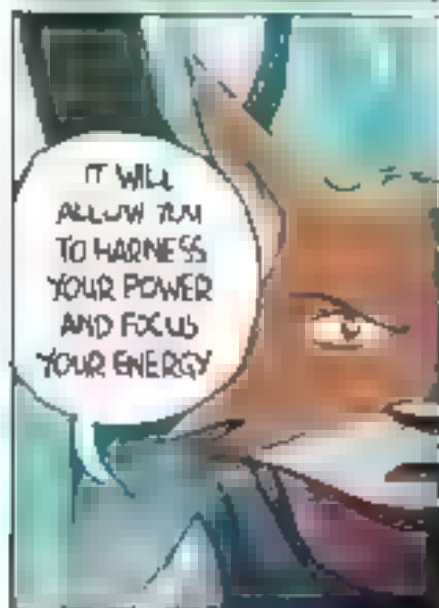
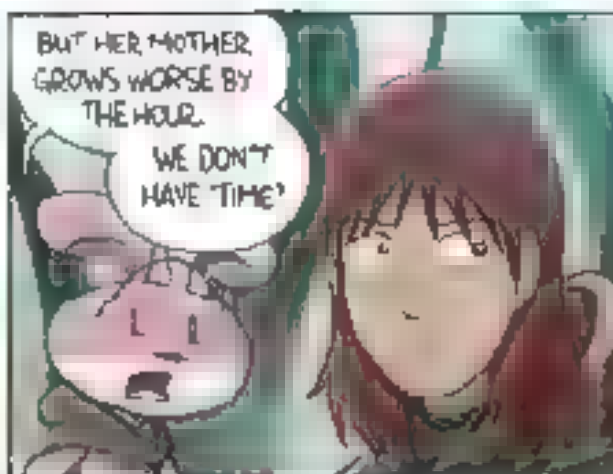
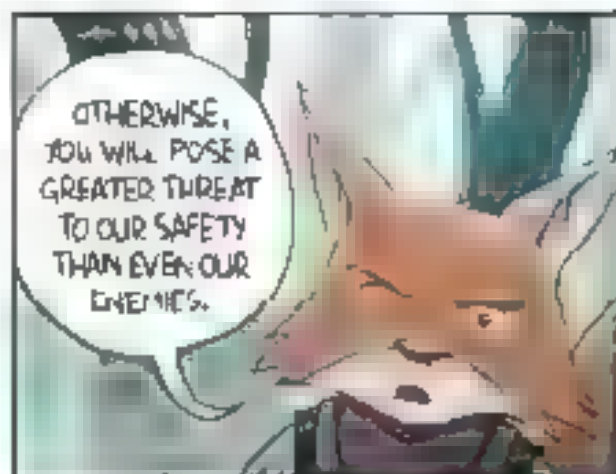
WENTHANT,
BRING ME
THE CRAWLER
HOUNDS.



IT IS TIME
TO FINISH
THIS HUNT.





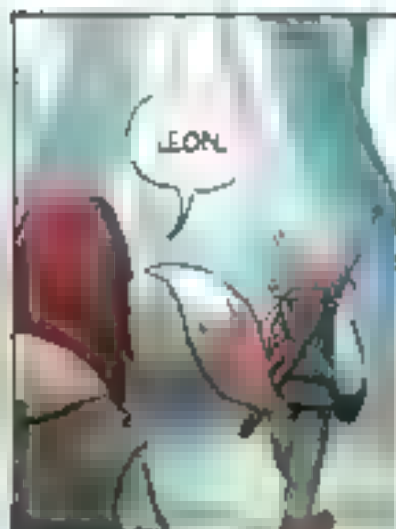




VERY WELL

IT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR OUR PURPOSES.

NOW FOLLOW ME.



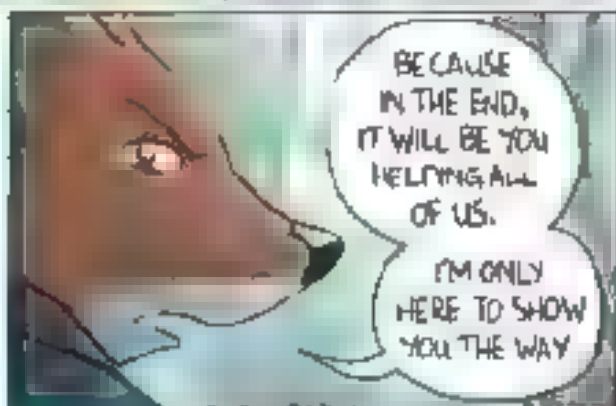
LEON.



WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?



WHY ARE YOU HELPING US?



BECAUSE IN THE END, IT WILL BE YOU HELPING ALL OF US.

I'M ONLY HERE TO SHOW YOU THE WAY



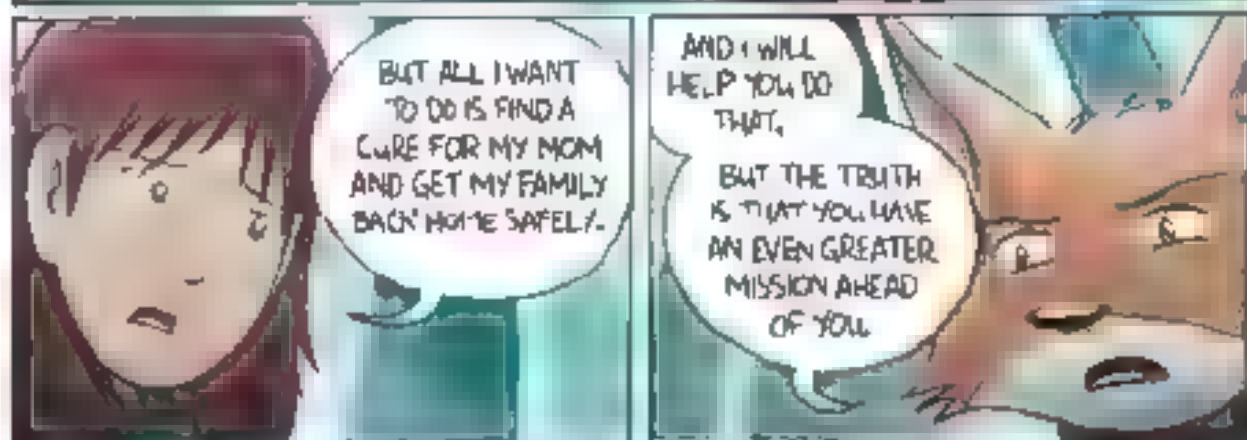
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

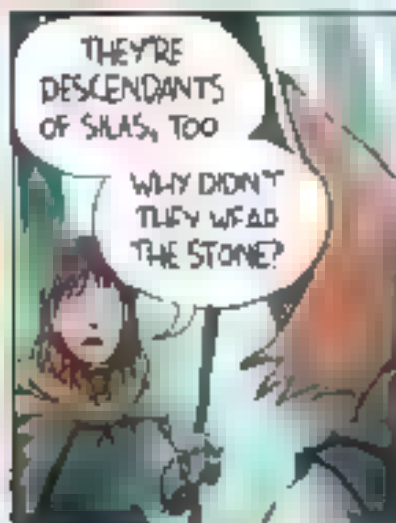
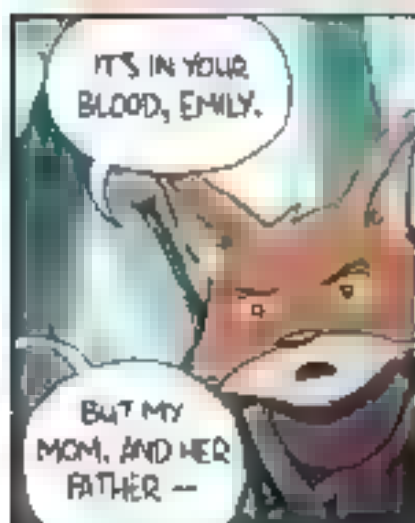


HOW MUCH I DID SLAS TELL YOU ABOUT HIS LIFE'S WORK?



I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH HIM ABOUT IT BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY.







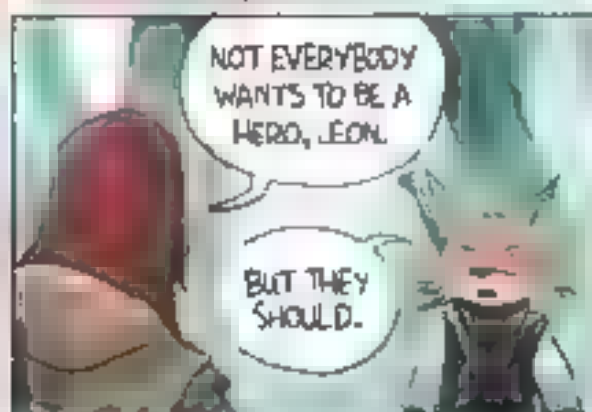
EVEN WITH
YOUR MOTHER'S
LIFE ON THE LINE,
AND THE LIVES OF
HER CHILDREN
THREATENED.

YOU WOULD
SAY HE DID
NOT FAIL?

HAD SILAS CHOSEN
TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT
FOR ALL OF US, HE
COULD HAVE SPARED
YOU FROM THIS
CURSE.



OR MY MOM
COULD HAVE
DIED TRYING.



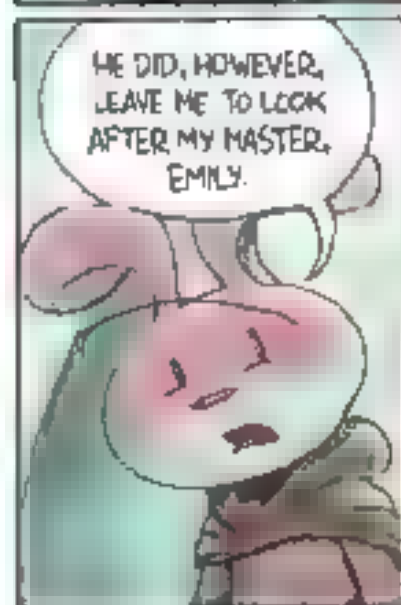
NOT EVERYBODY
WANTS TO BE A
HERO, LEON.

BUT THEY
SHOULD.



NOW LOOK
HERE, MISTER
REDBEARD

I KNOW YOU'RE
SOME KIND OF GREAT
WARRIOR, BUT SILAS
LEFT NO MENTION
OF YOU.

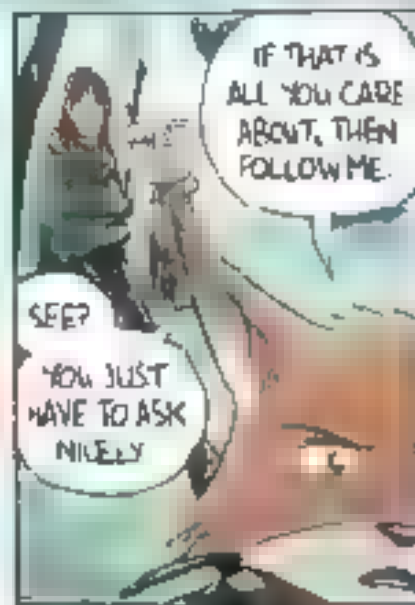


HE DID, HOWEVER,
LEAVE ME TO LOOK
AFTER MY MASTER,
EMILY.



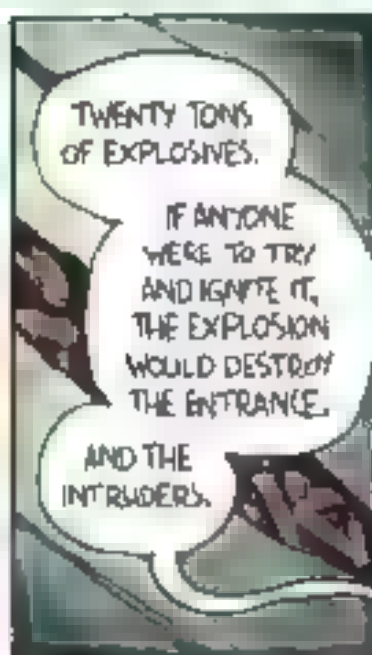
NOW IF YOU'LL
KINDLY SHOW US
THE WAY UP THE
MOUNTAIN, WE
CAN BE ON
OUR WAY.

FINE.

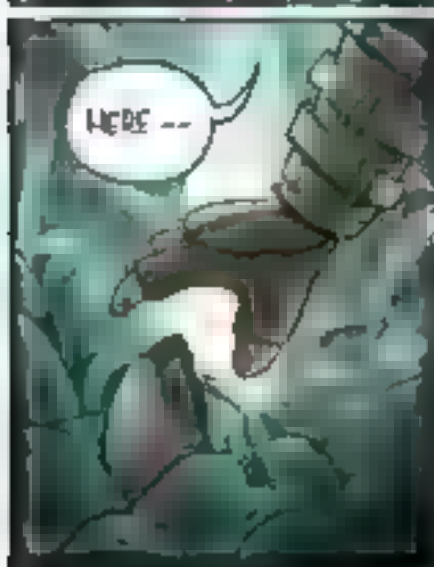


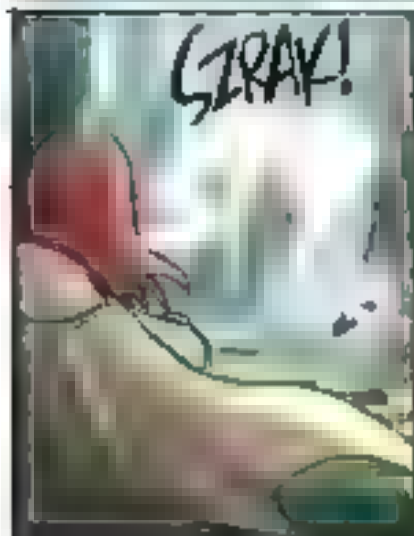
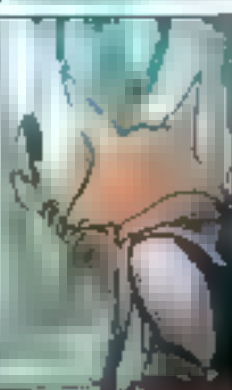
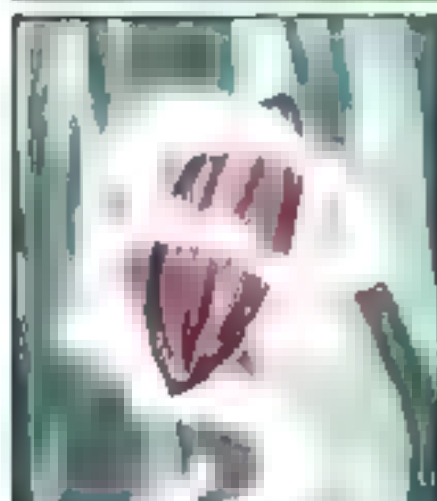
IF THAT IS
ALL YOU CARE
ABOUT, THEN
FOLLOW ME.

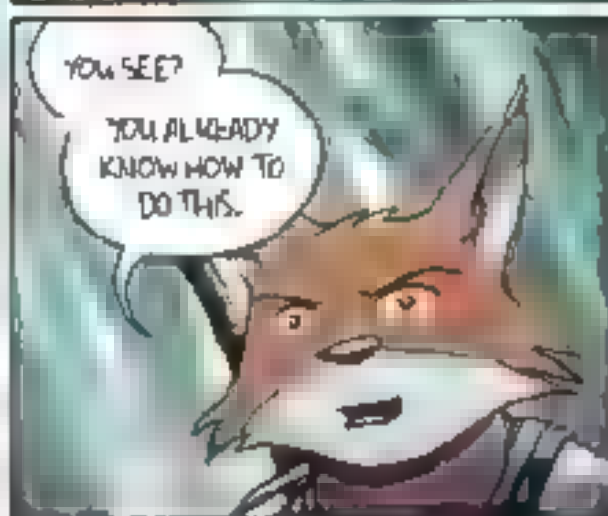
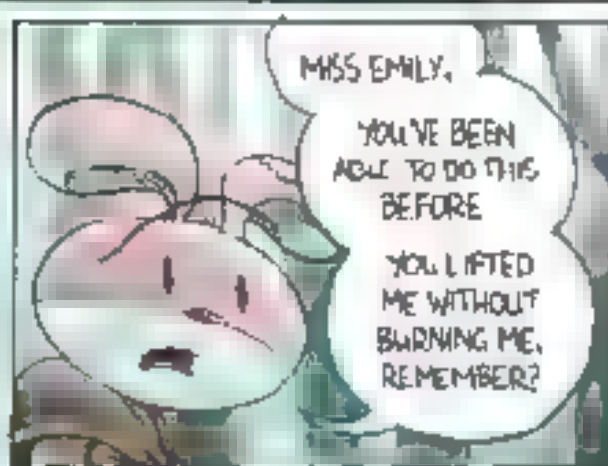
SEE?
YOU JUST
HAVE TO ASK
NICELY

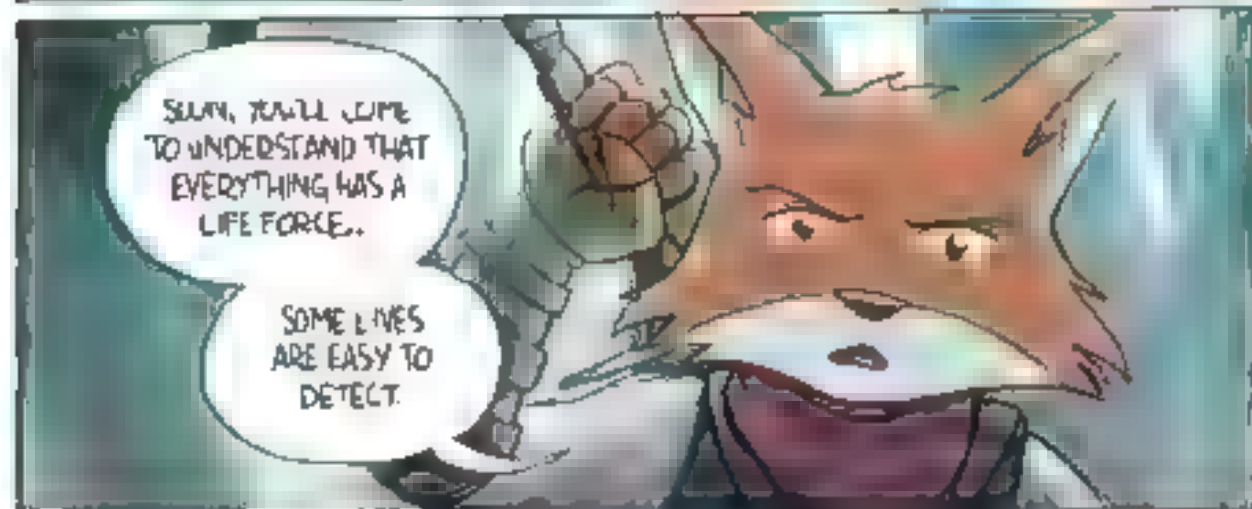
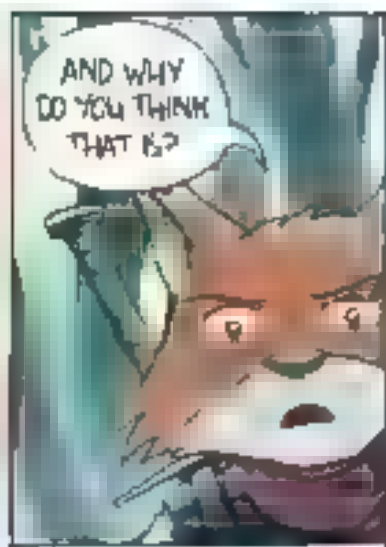


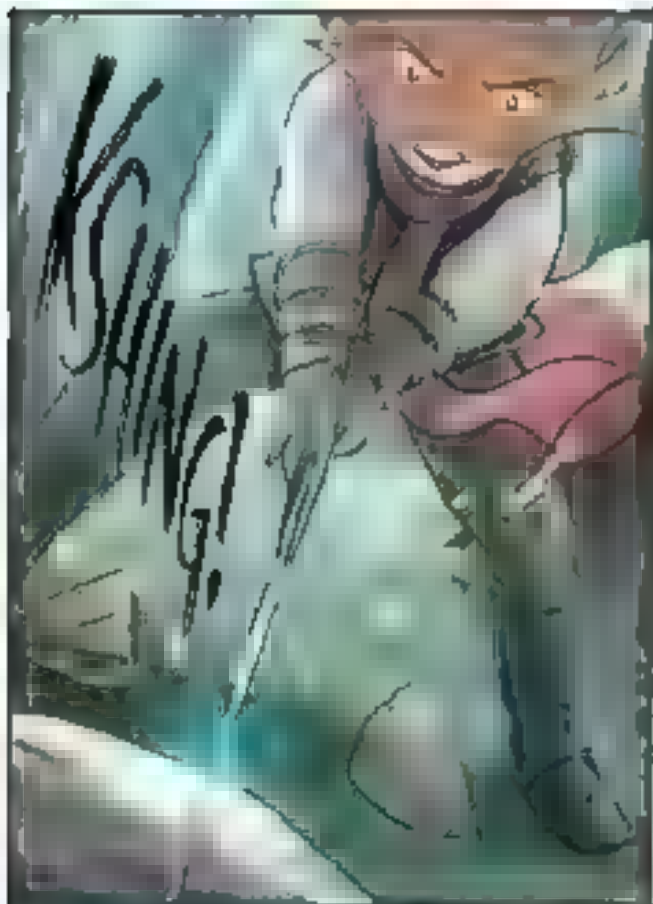




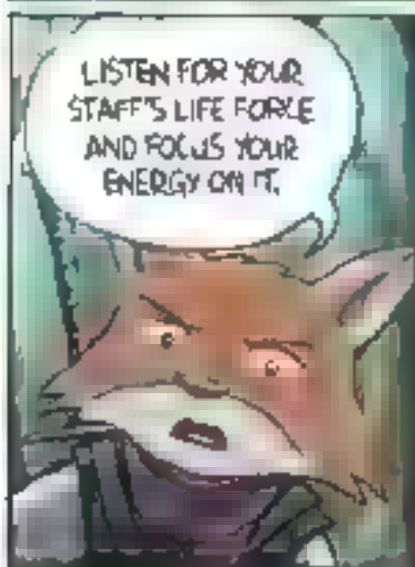








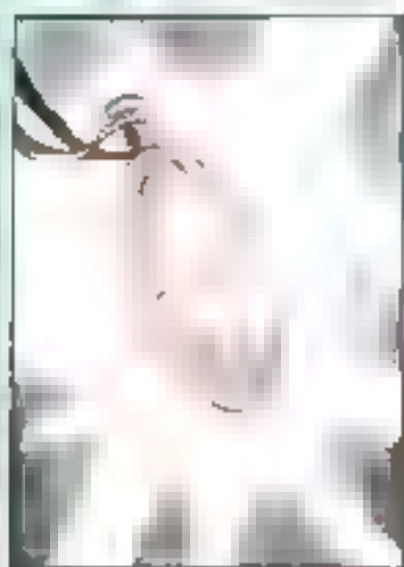
BUT TO FIND
OTHERS, YOU
HAVE TO LOOK
BENEATH THE
SURFACE.



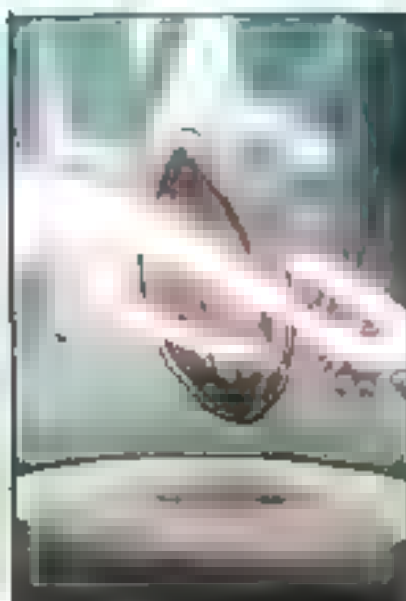
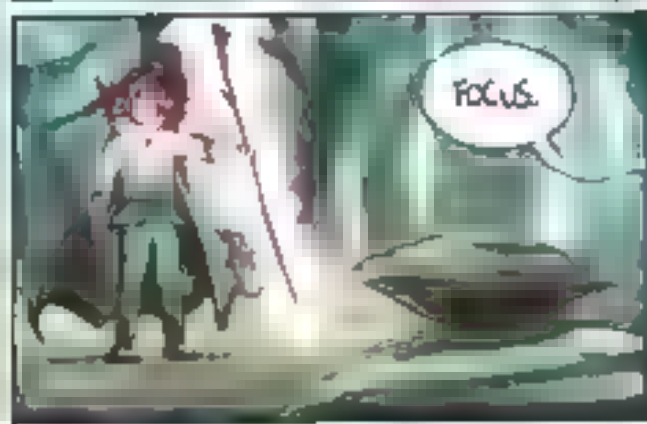
LISTEN FOR YOUR
STAFF'S LIFE FORCE
AND FOCUS YOUR
ENERGY ON IT.

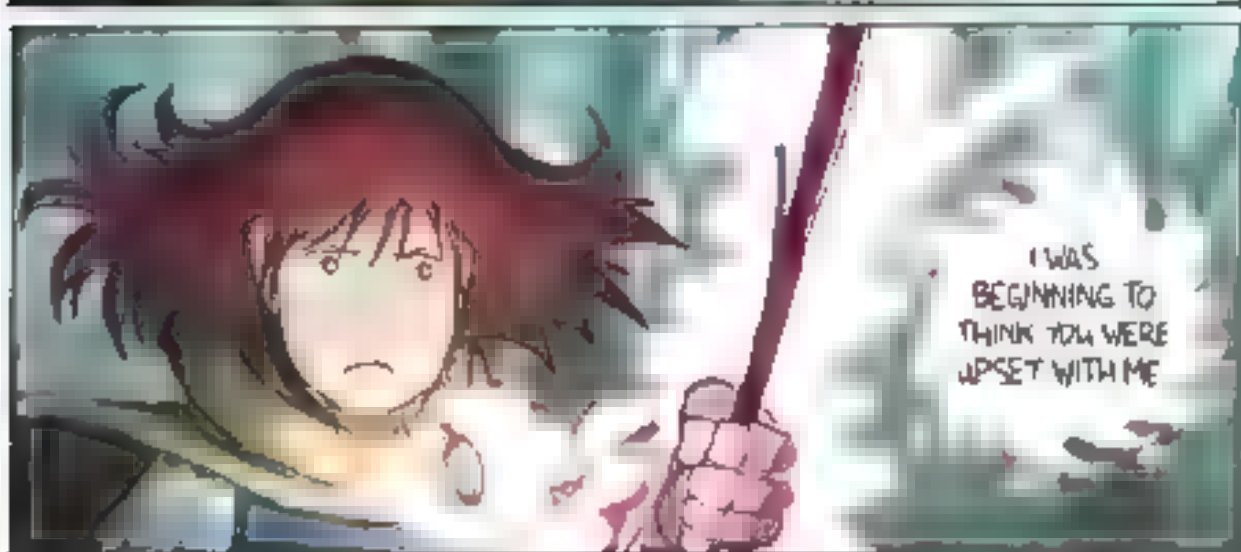


TREAT IT
LIKE A PART
OF YOU.

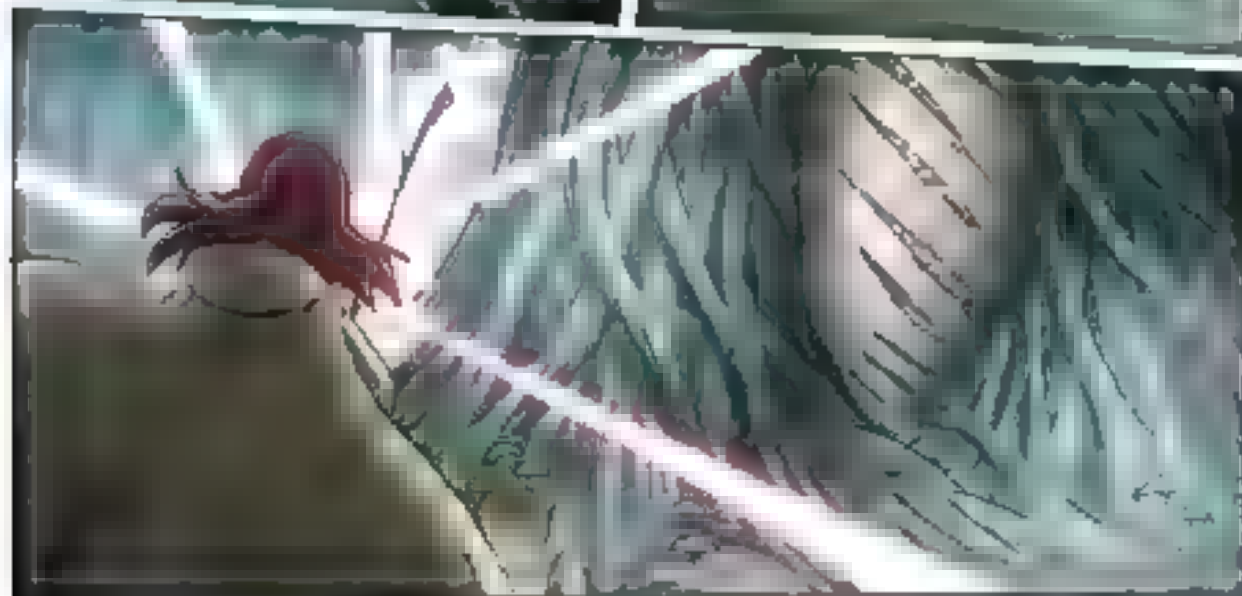




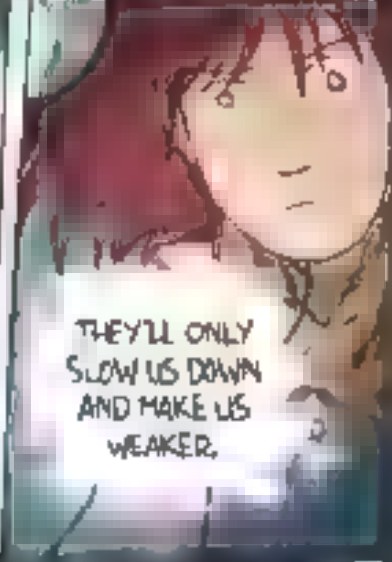
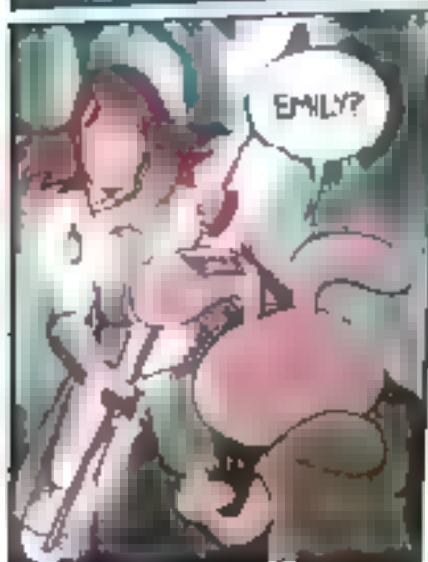


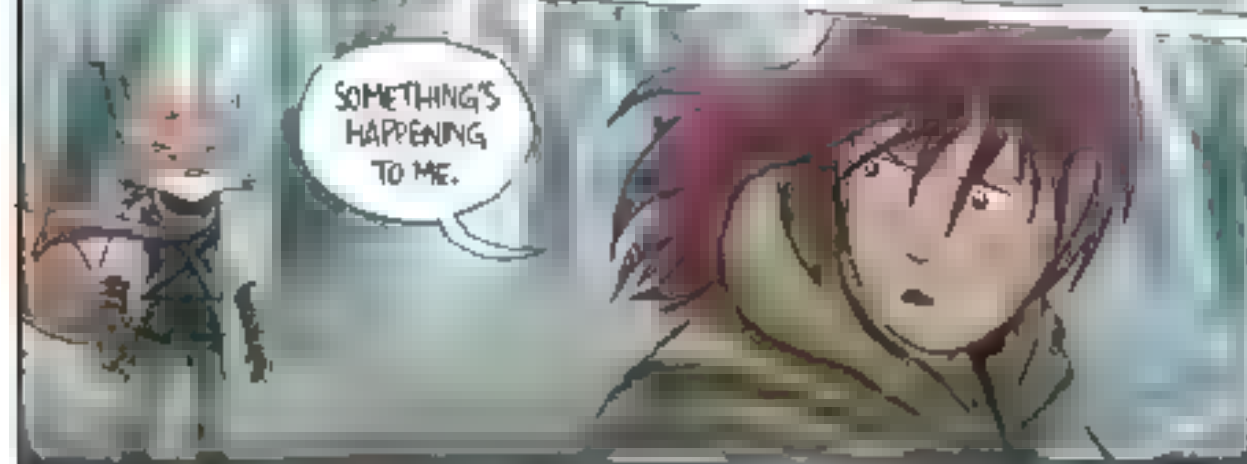


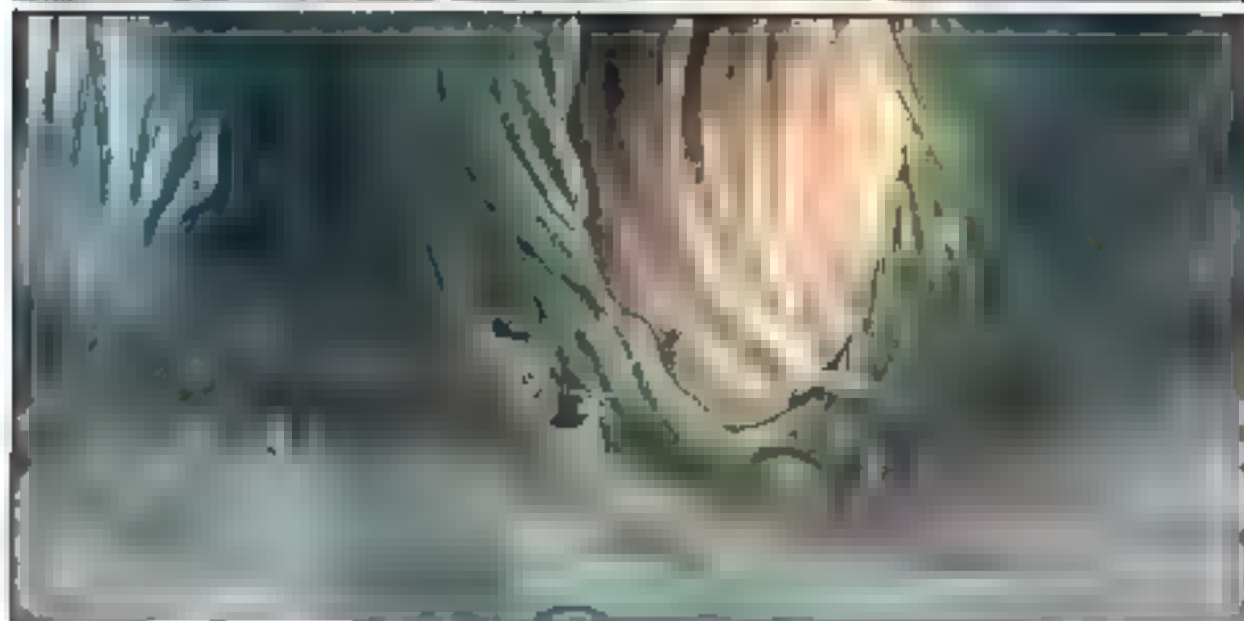
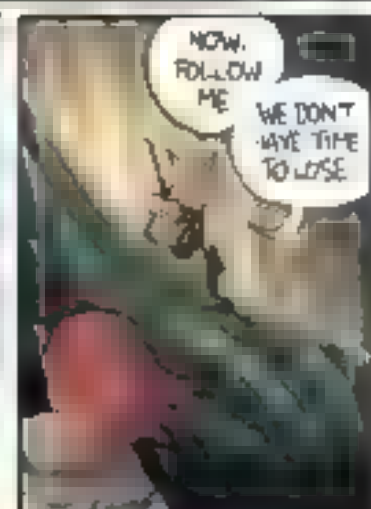
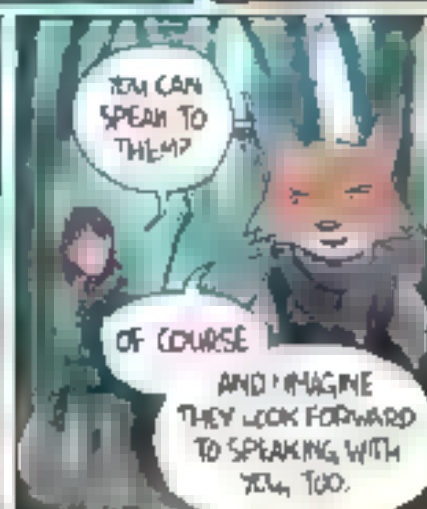
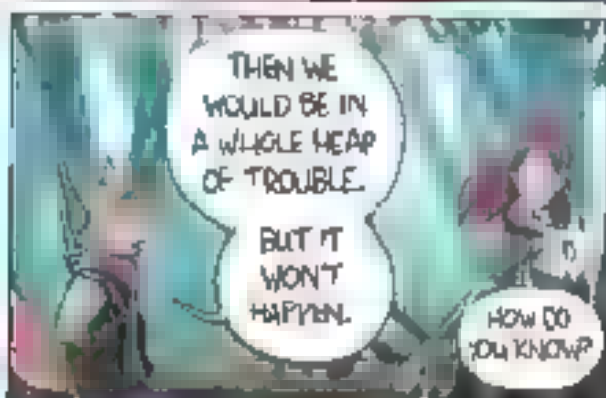
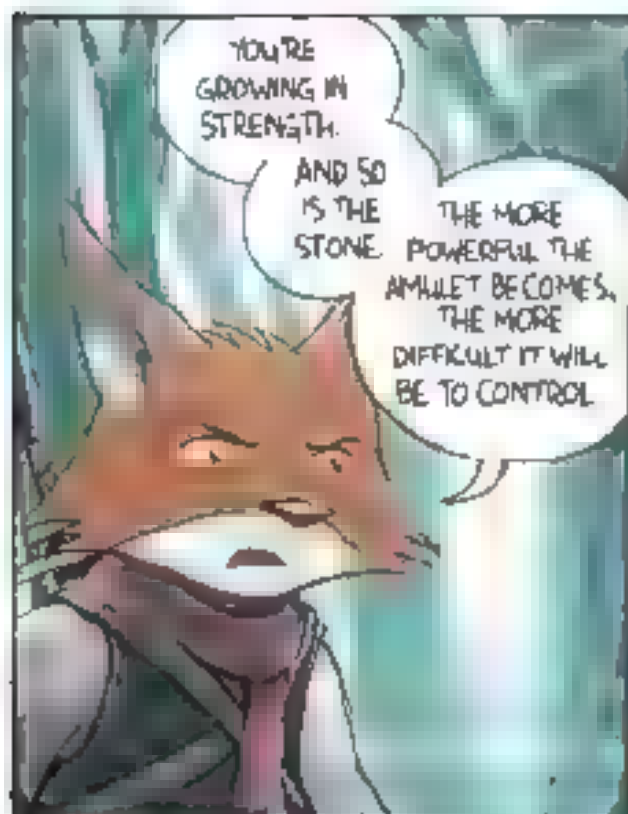


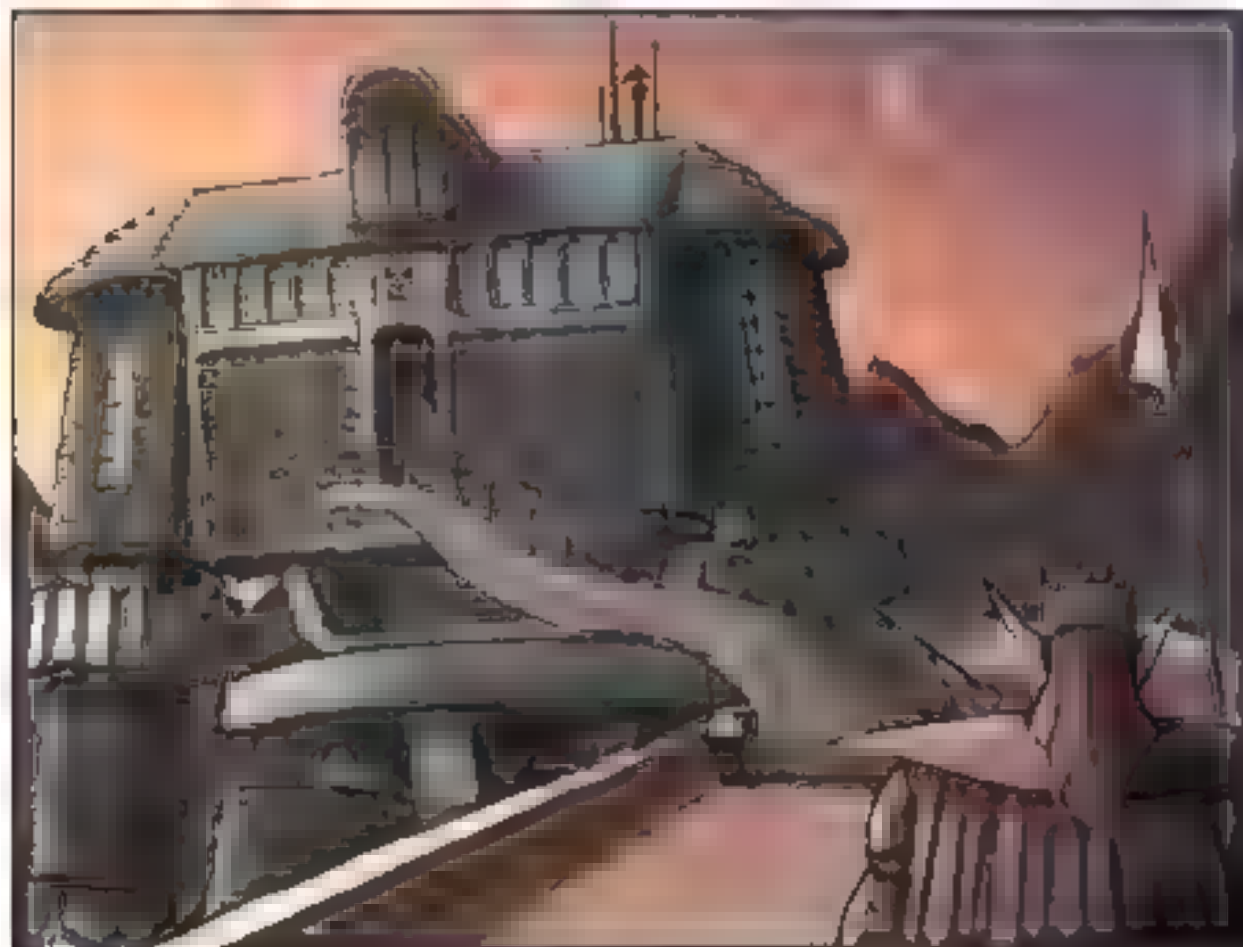


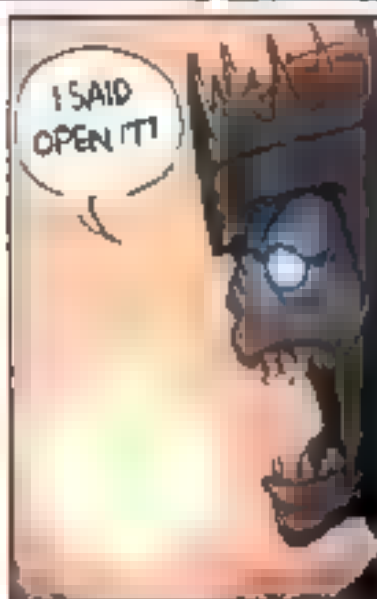
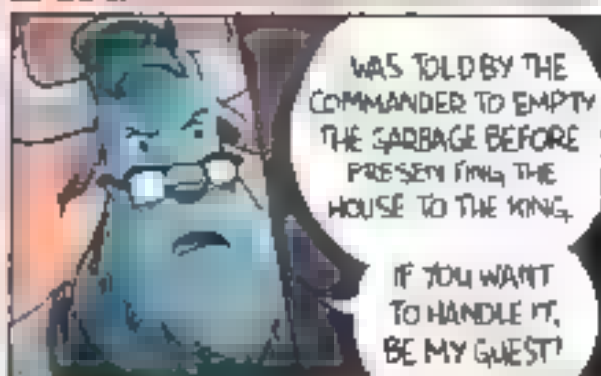
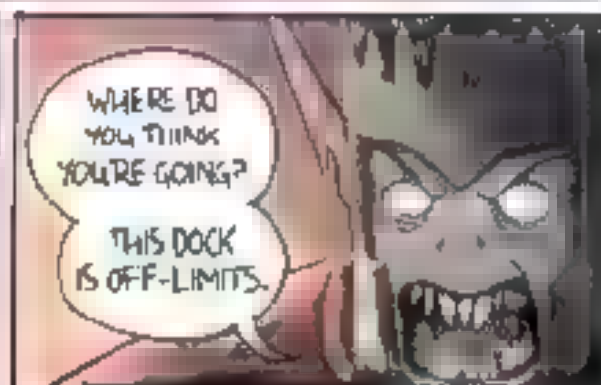




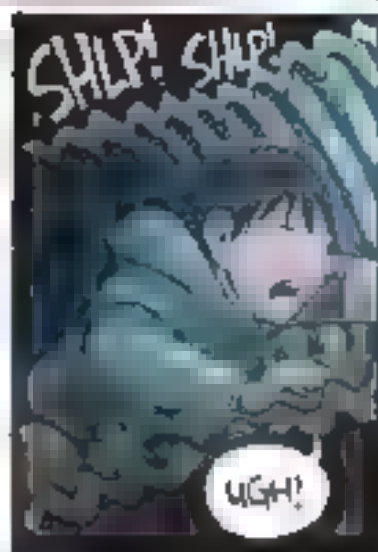
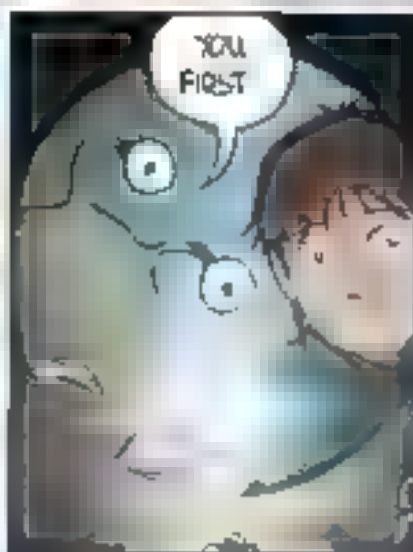


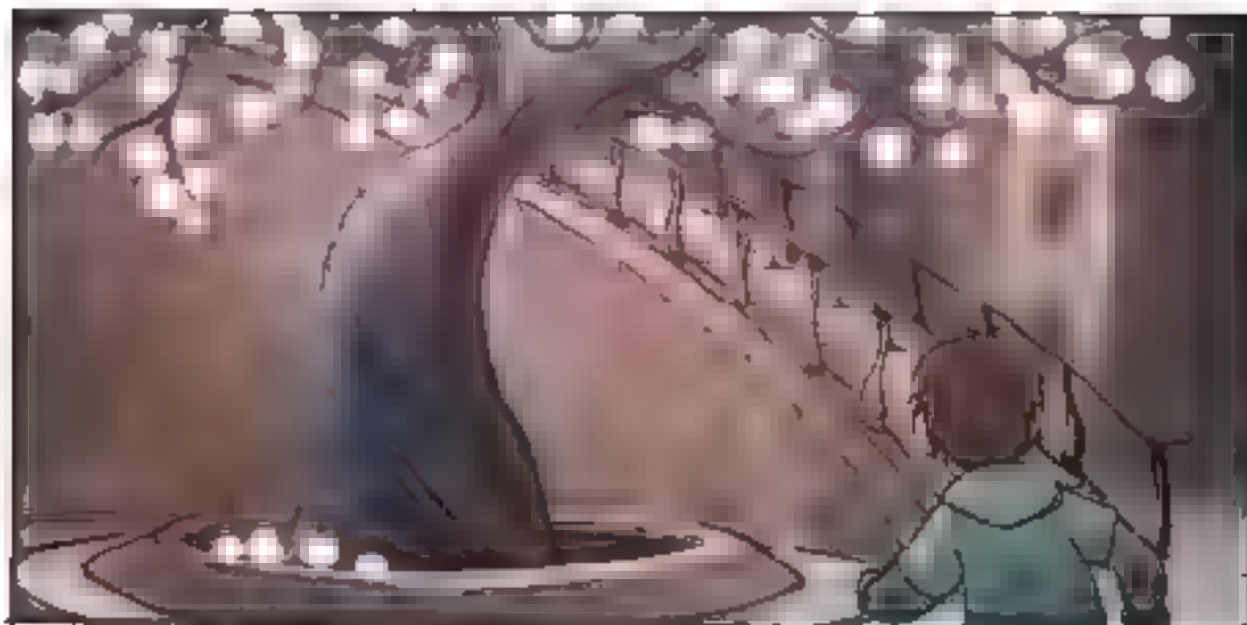


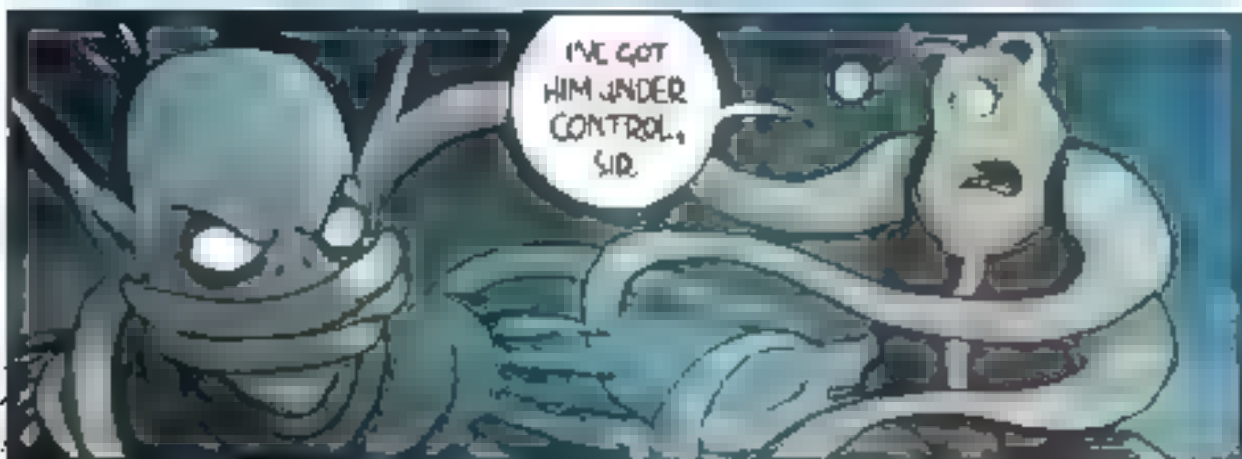


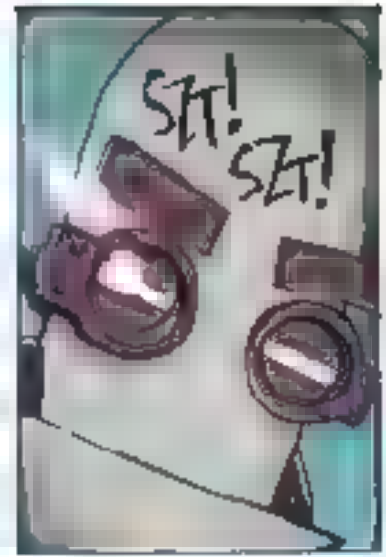


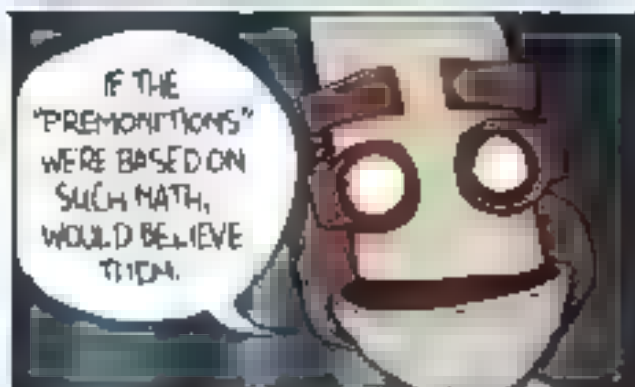
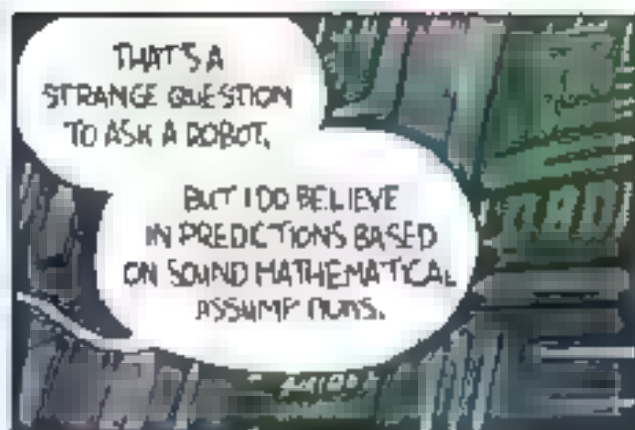


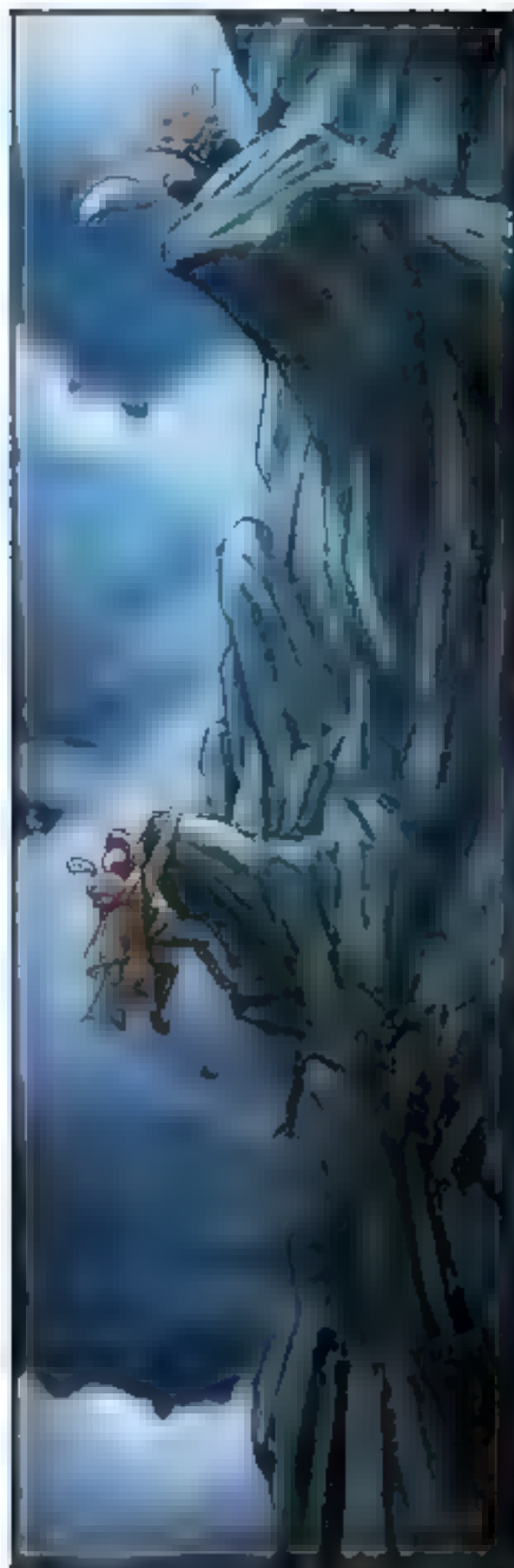














THE STONES TOOK CONTROL OF THEIR
MINDS AND BODIES, AND WITH THE POWER
SURGING THROUGH THEM, THEY WERE
TRANSFORMED INTO COLOSSAL BEASTS.

WHEN THE TRANSFORMATION WAS
COMPLETE, THEY BECAME DETERMINED
TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH,
SETTING THE SURFACE OF ALLEDIA
AFIRE.

IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE
STONEKEEPERS WHO FOUGHT
BACK AGAINST THE MONSTERS,
YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER
AMONG THEM, NONE OF US
WOULD STILL BE AROUND
TODAY.



THE RESISTANCE WAS
ABLE TO DESTROY THESE
POWER-HUNGRY ROGUE
STONEKEEPERS.

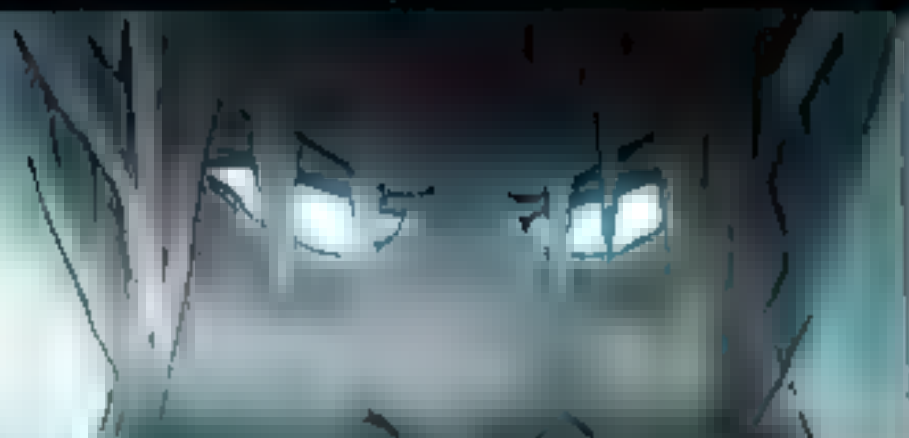
EXCEPT FOR ONE.

HE USED TO BE A QUIET
BOY FROM A SMALL ELF
VILLAGE, BUT AFTER HIS
TRANSFORMATION, HE
WAS NEVER THE SAME.

THE ELDERS WERE ABLE
TO SEPARATE HIM FROM
HIS STONE, AND IN SPITE
HIS REQUESTS TO BE
EXECUTED, THEY LOCKED
HIM UP IN AN ATTEMPT
TO CURE HIM OF ITS
CURSE.

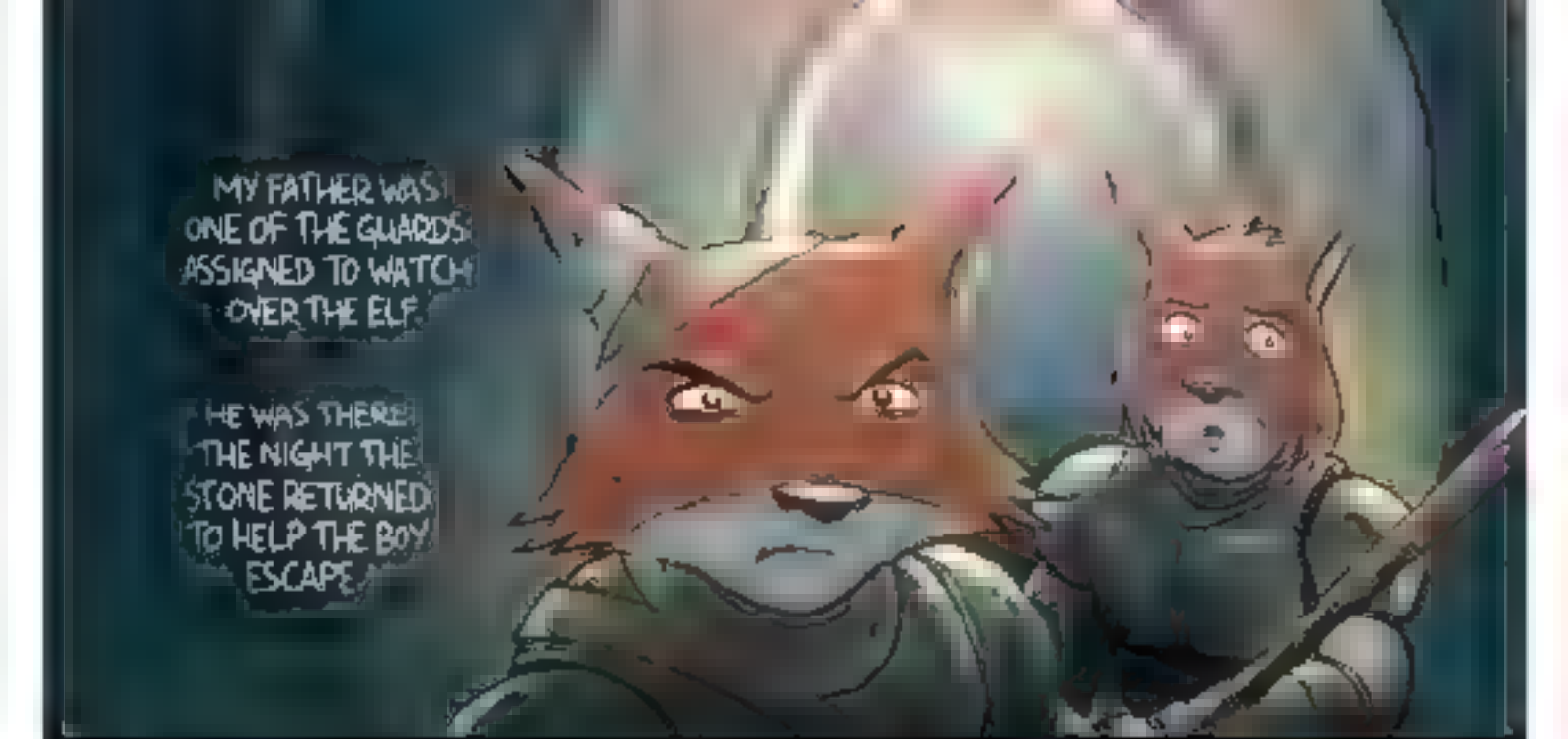


BUT WHEN HE TALKED,
HE SPOKE ONLY OF HIS
DESIRE FOR POWER, AND
WARNED OF DARK DAYS
TO COME.




HE TOLD THEM THAT
THEY WOULD REGRET
HAVING KEPT HIM
ALIVE,

AND THAT
HE WOULD SHOW
THEM WHY.

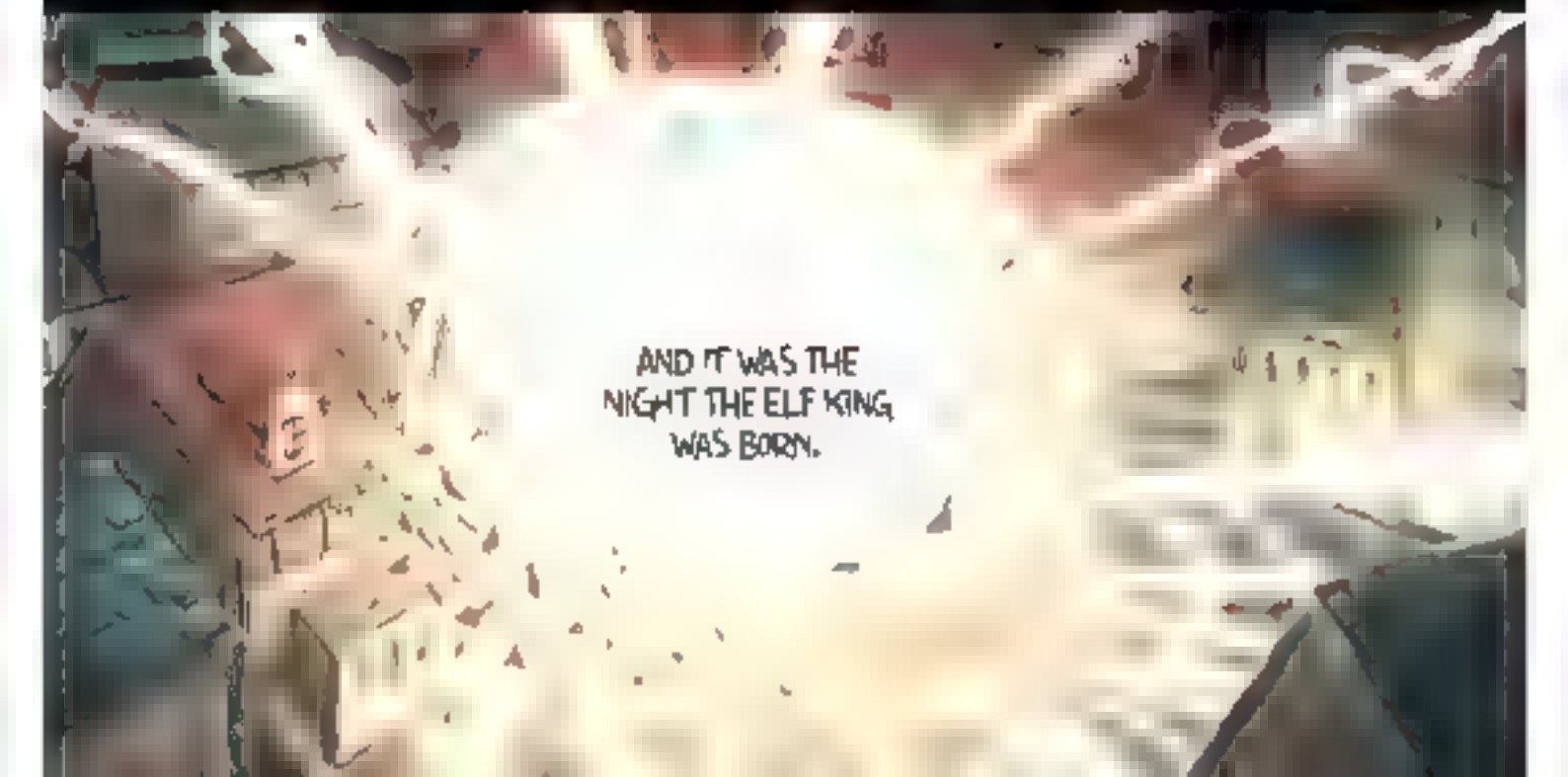


MY FATHER WAS
ONE OF THE GUARDS
ASSIGNED TO WATCH
OVER THE ELF.

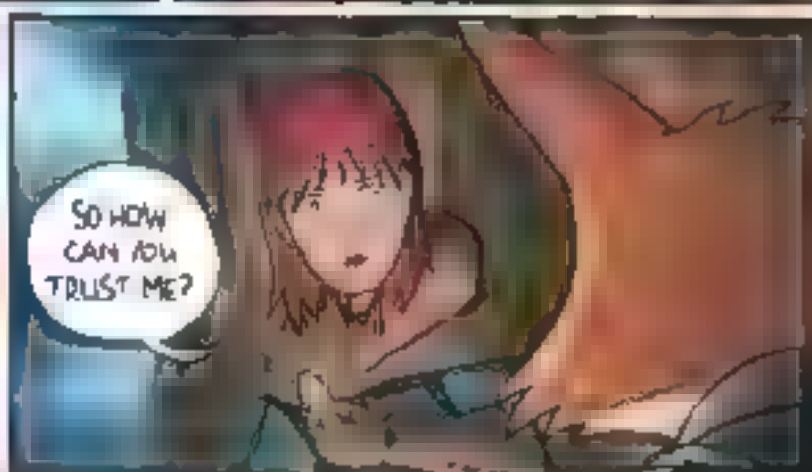
HE WAS THERE
THE NIGHT THE
STONE RETURNED
TO HELP THE BOY
ESCAPE.

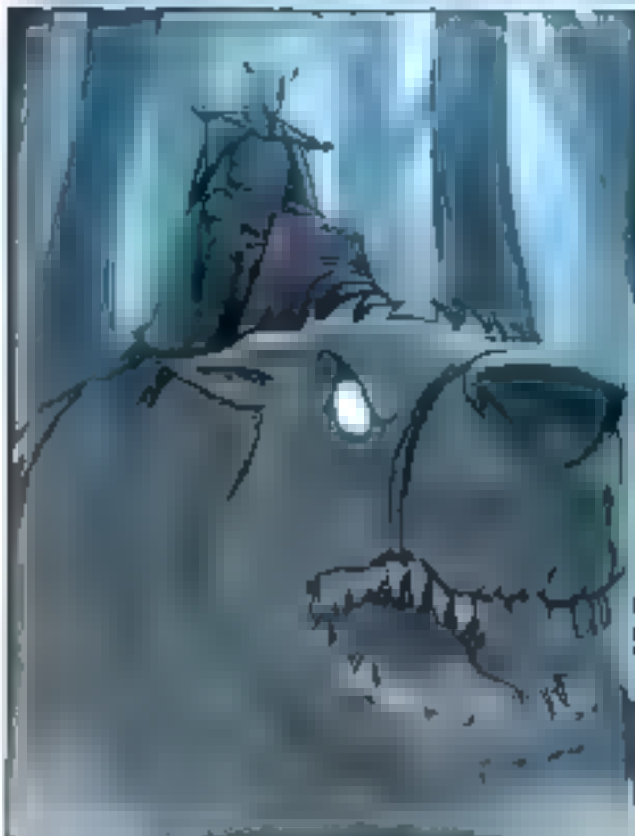
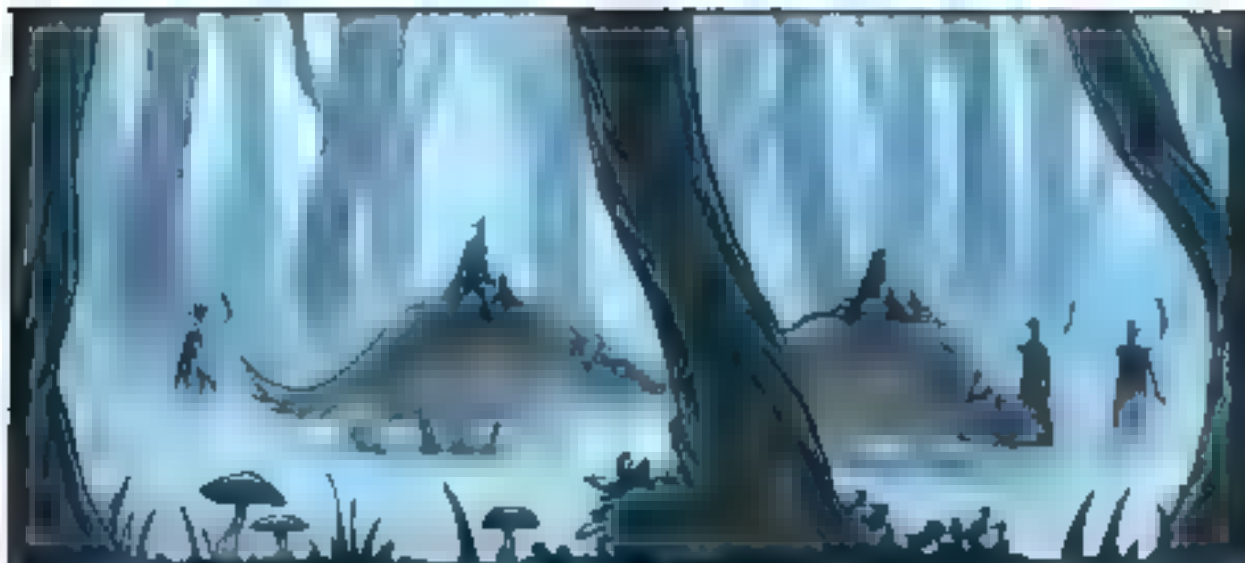


IT WAS THE LAST
TIME I SAW MY
FATHER ALIVE.

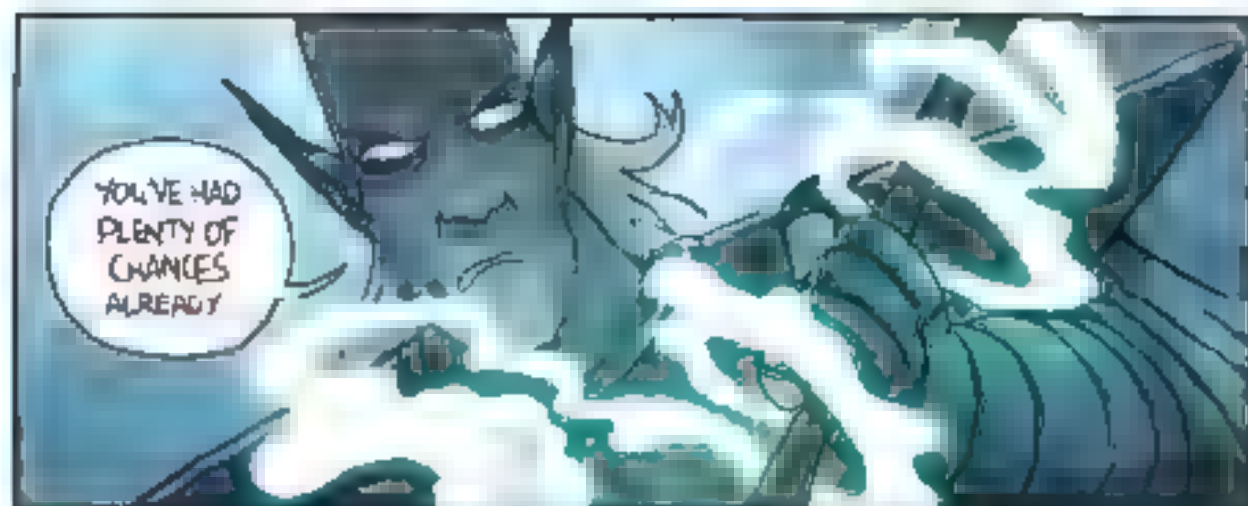


AND IT WAS THE
NIGHT THE ELF KING
WAS BORN.

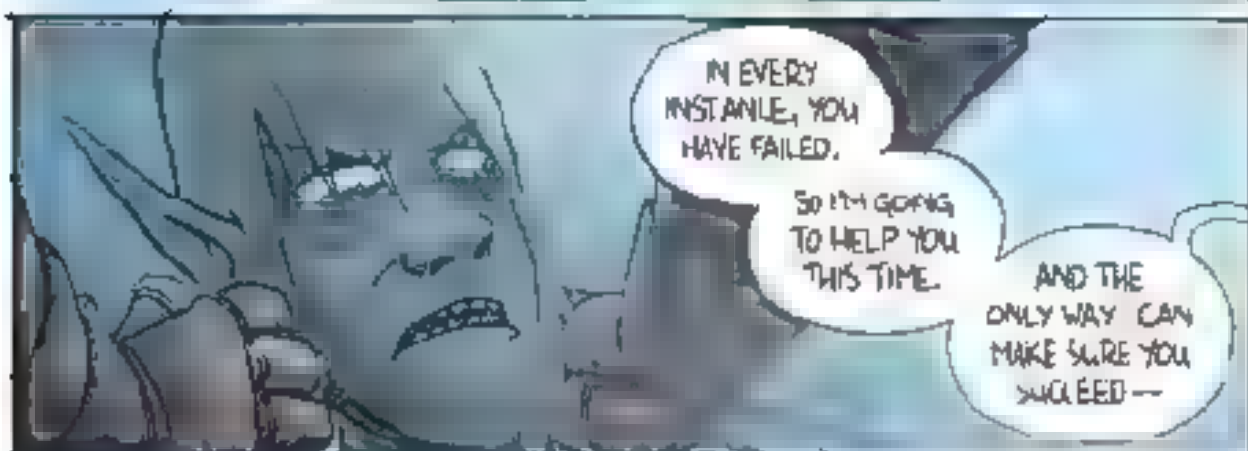








YOU'VE HAD
PLENTY OF
CHANCES
ALREADY



IN EVERY
INSTANT, YOU
HAVE FAILED.

SO I'M GOING
TO HELP YOU
THIS TIME.

AND THE
ONLY WAY CAN
MAKE SURE YOU
SUCCEED —

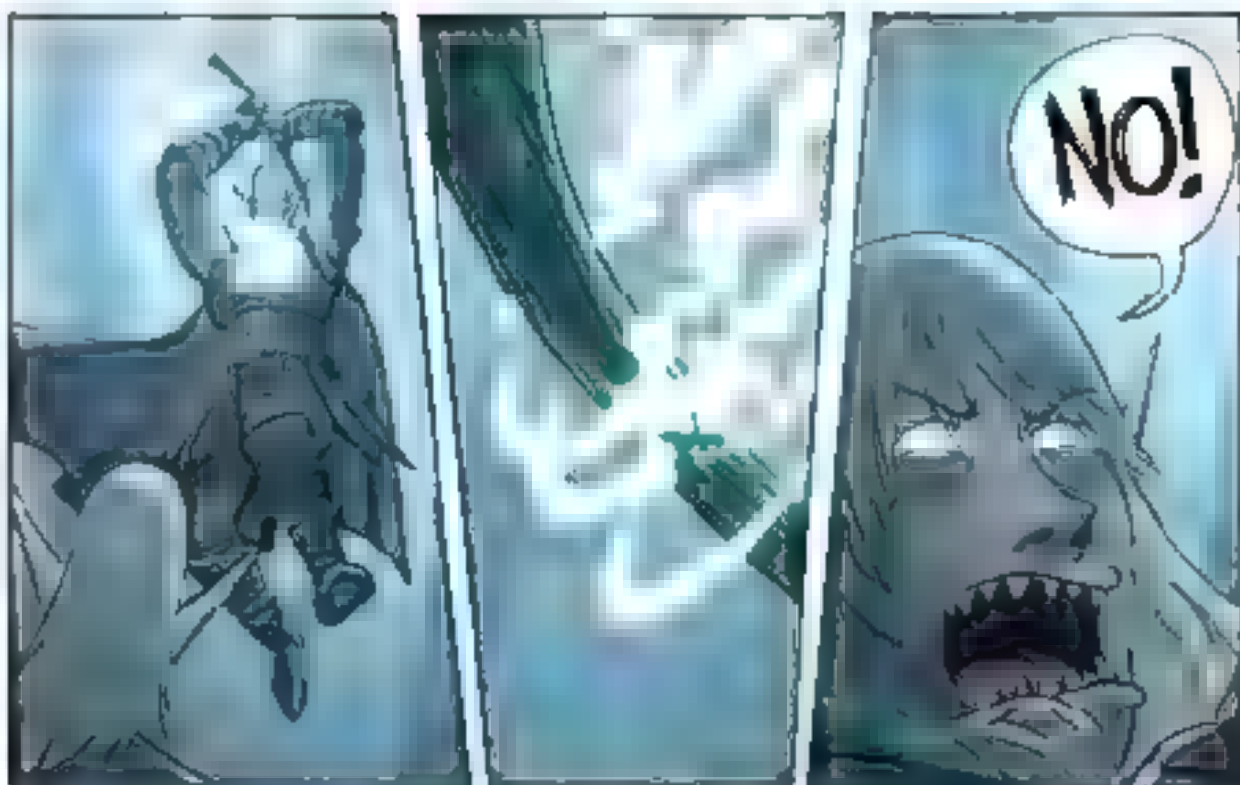


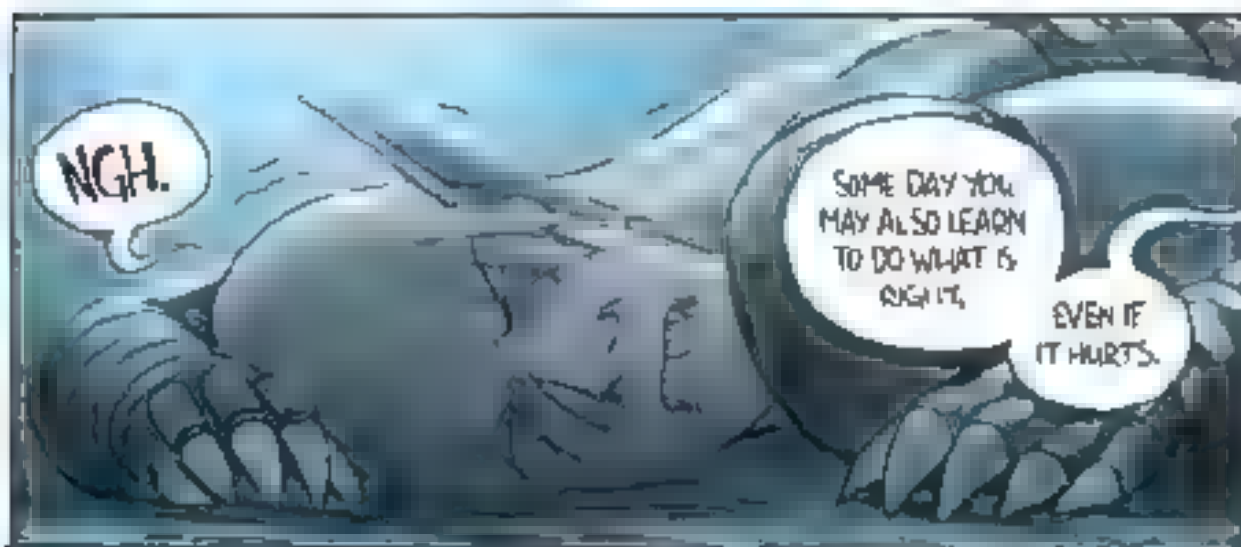
— IS BY TAKING
YOU OUT OF THE
EQUATION.

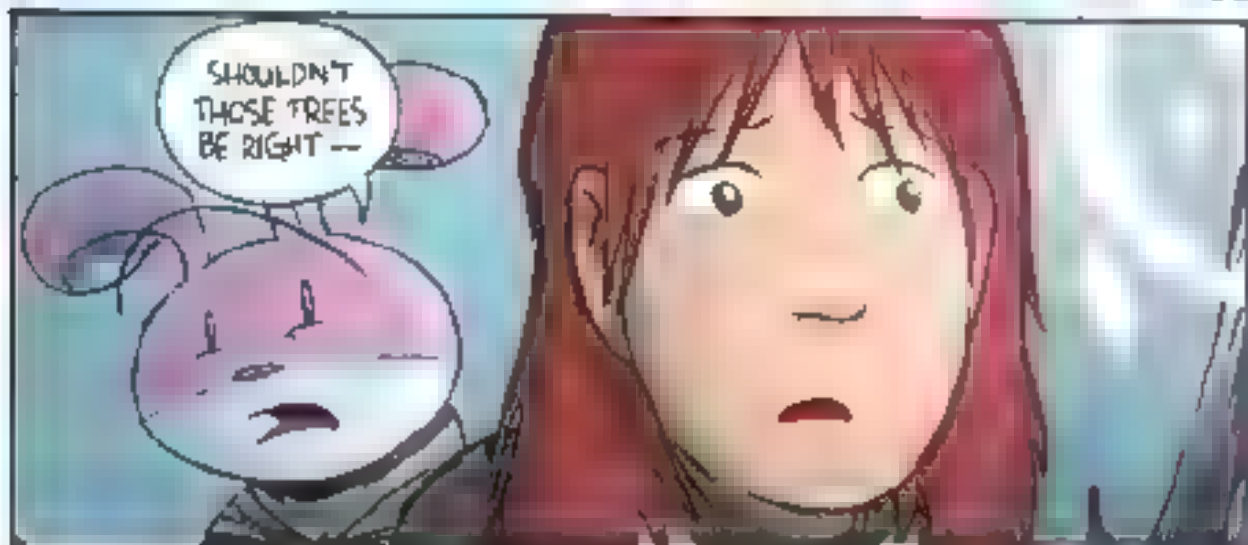


AFTER THE
WOUNDS HAVE
HEALED, YOU WILL
THANK ME FOR
THIS.

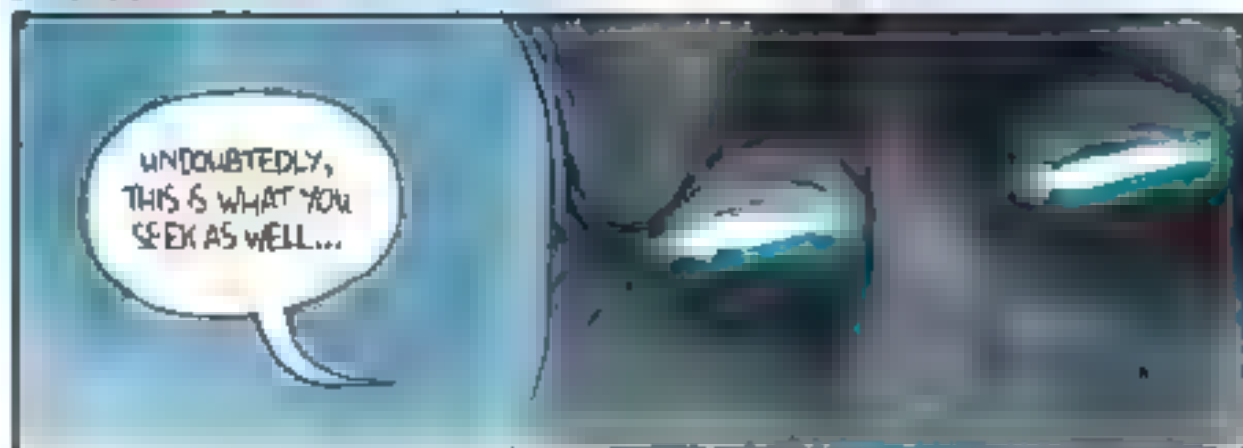
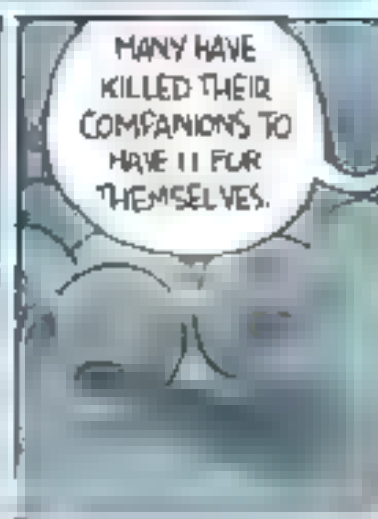
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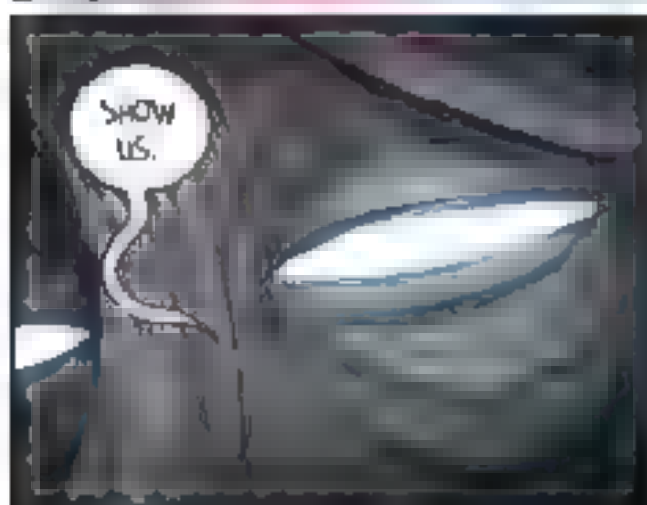
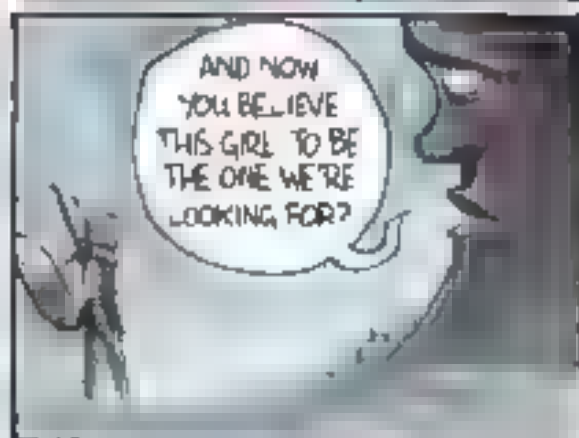


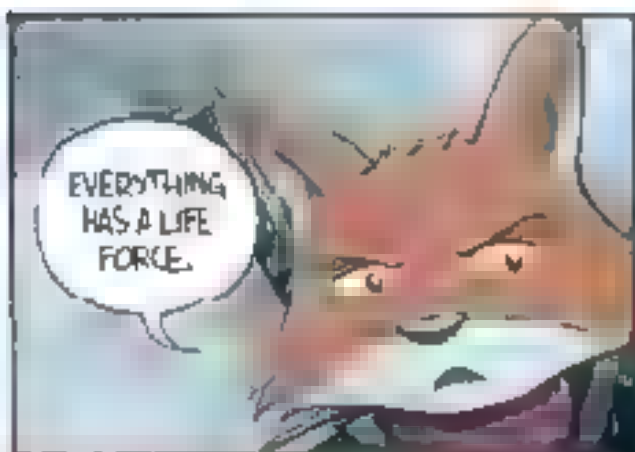


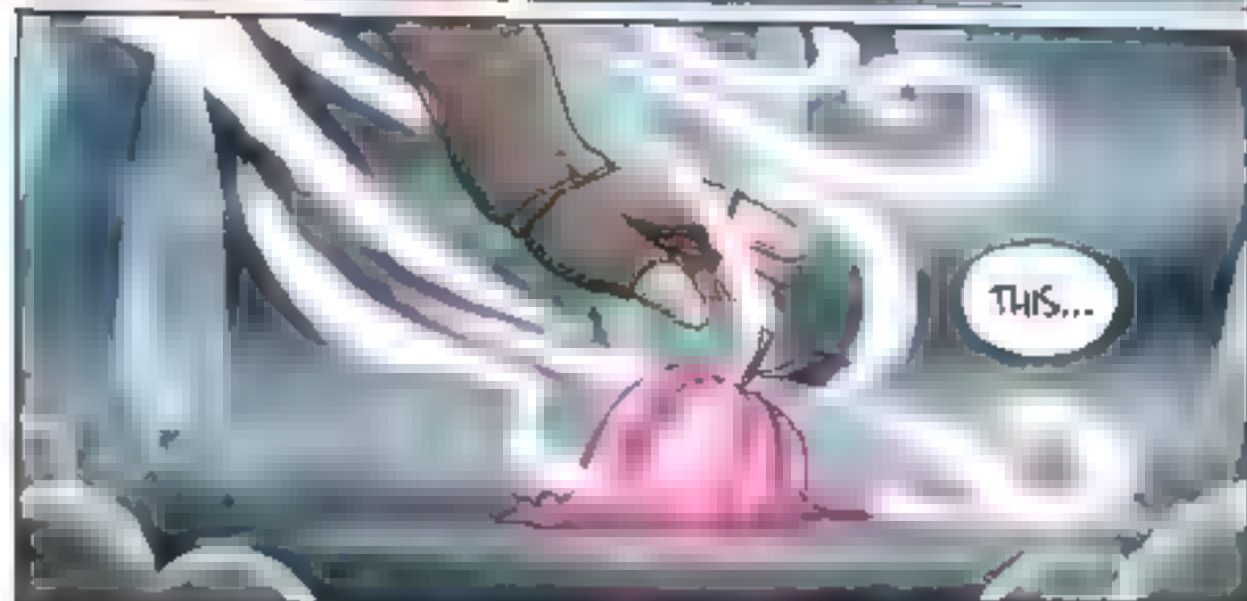
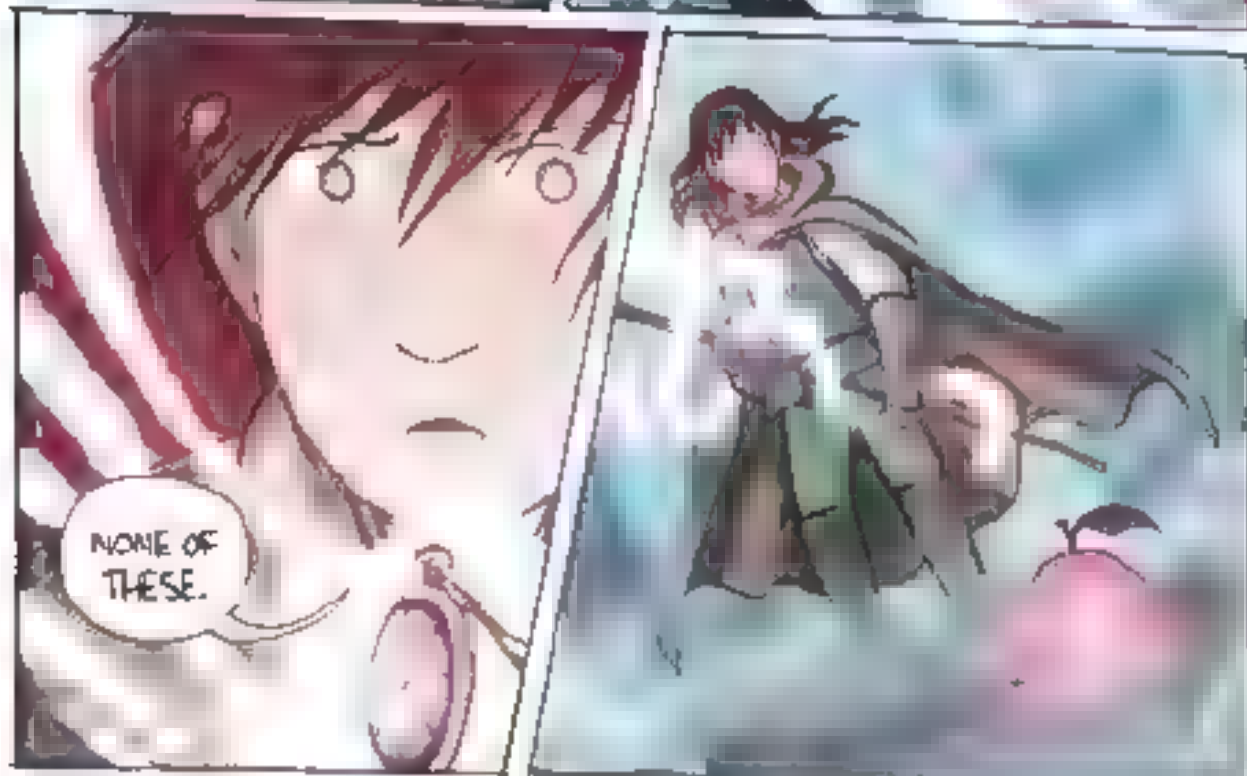


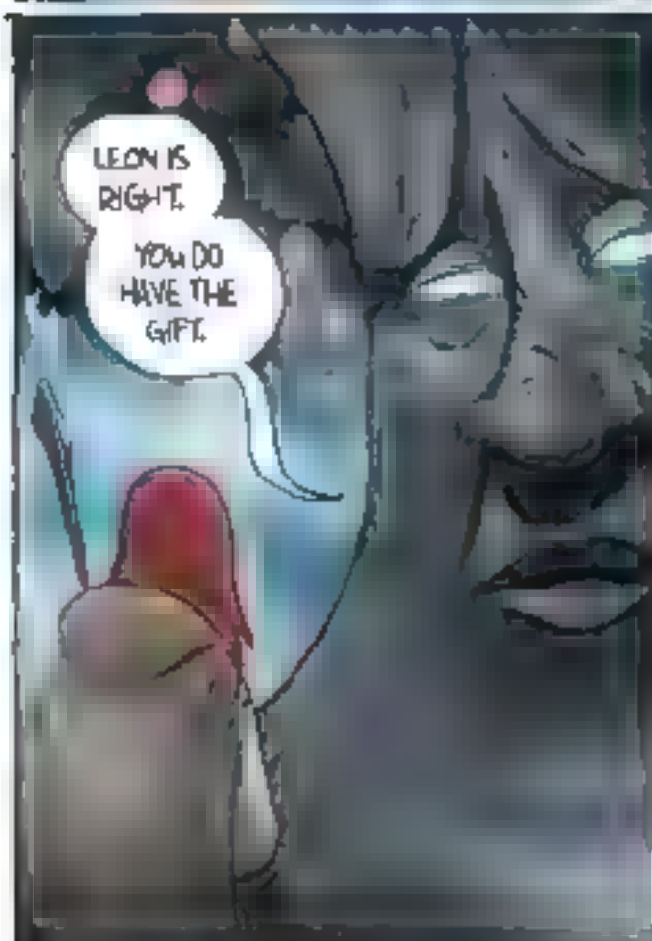
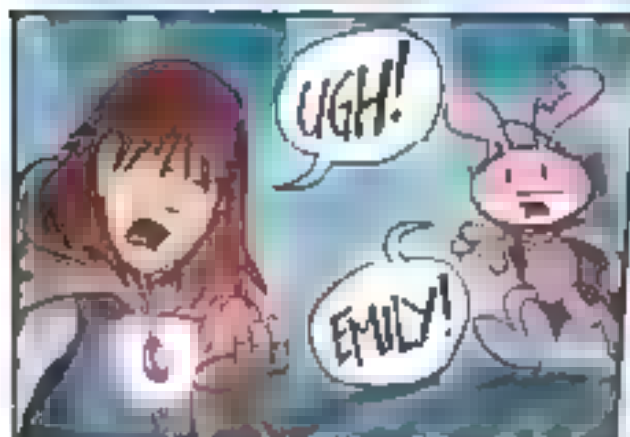
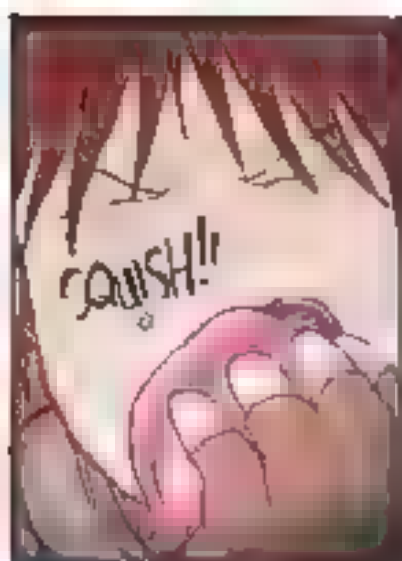




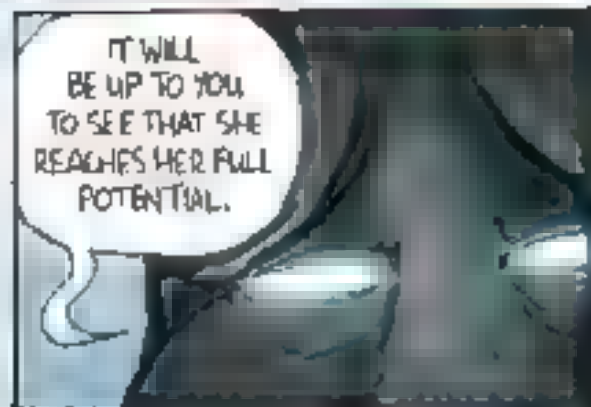
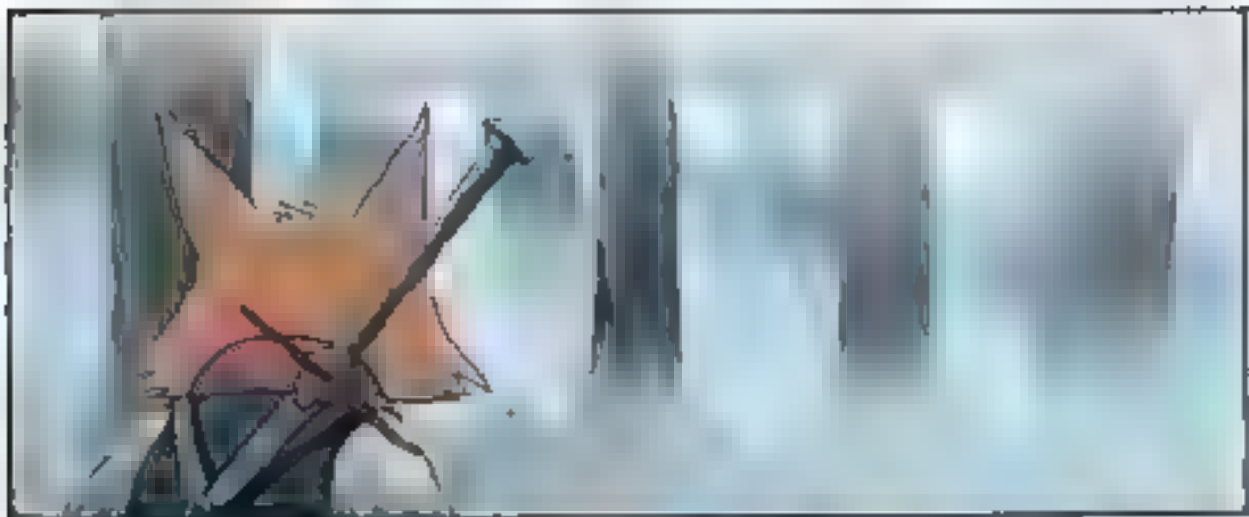


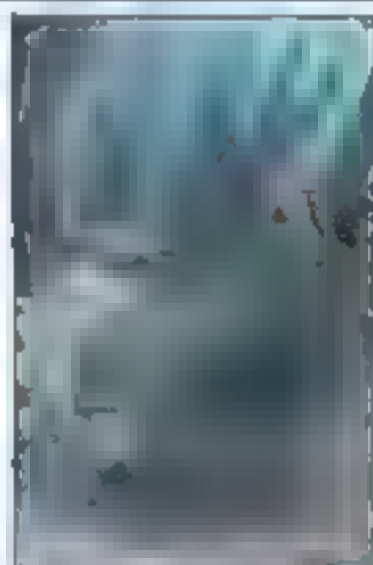


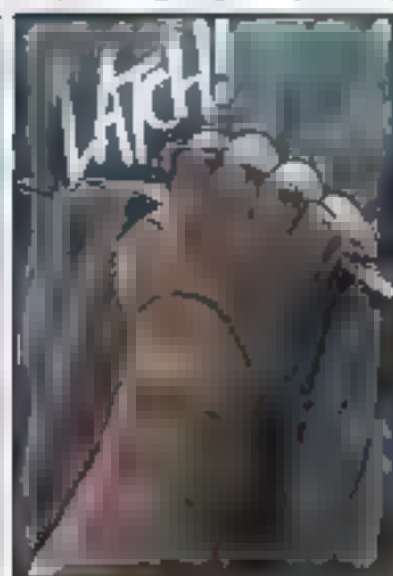
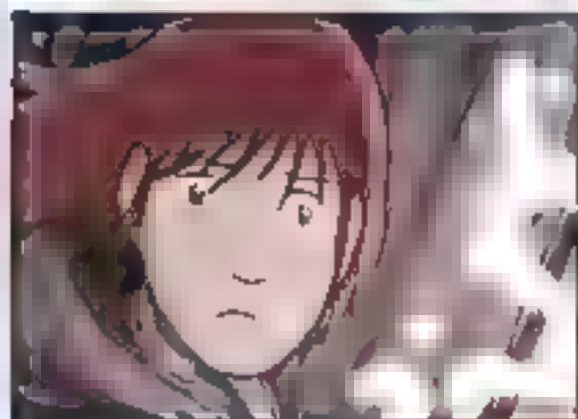
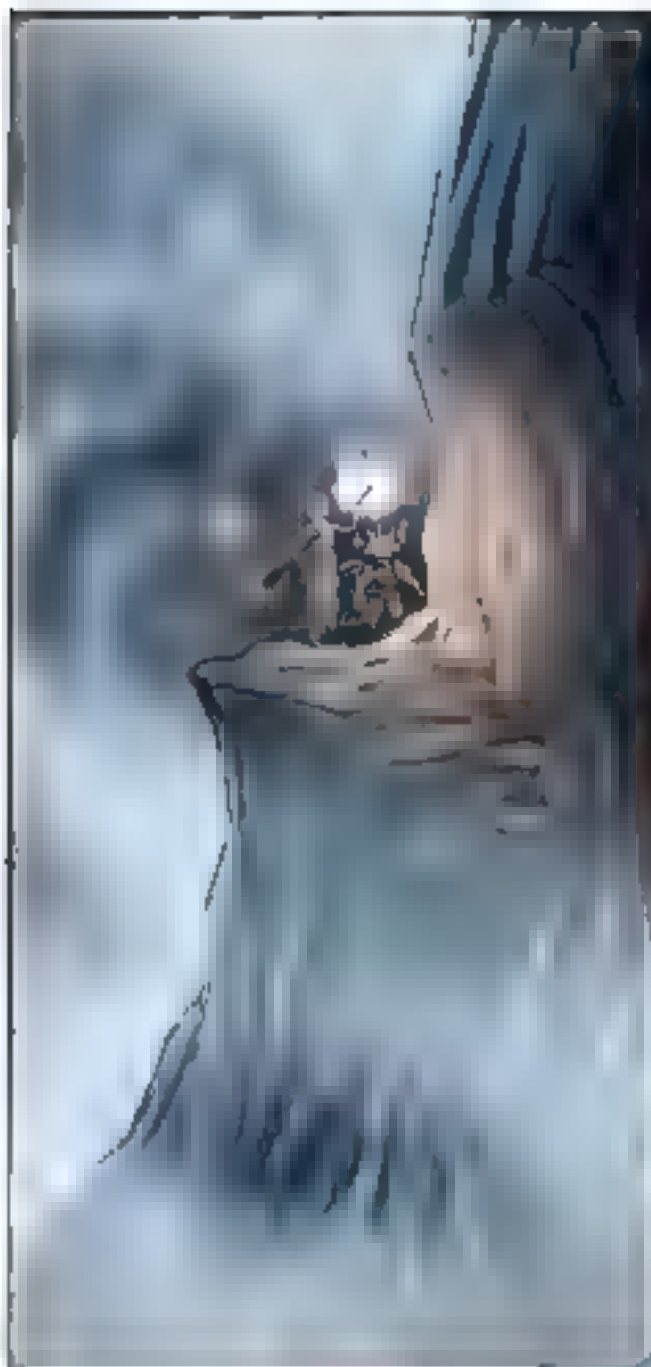






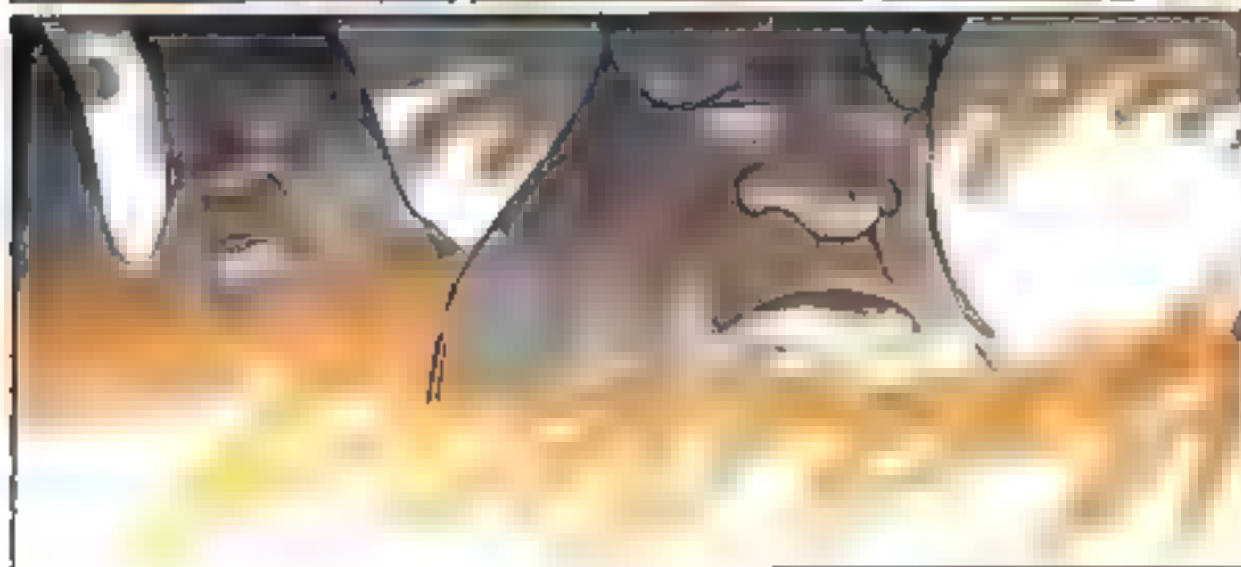
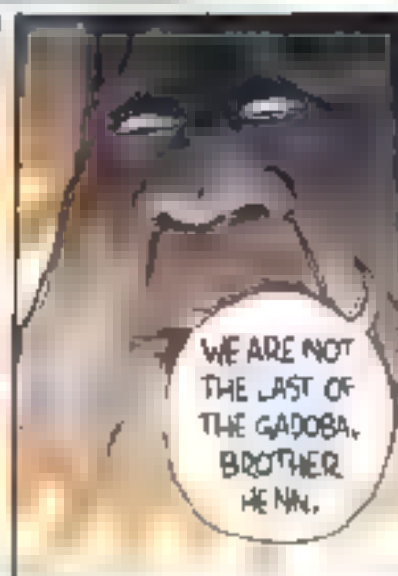


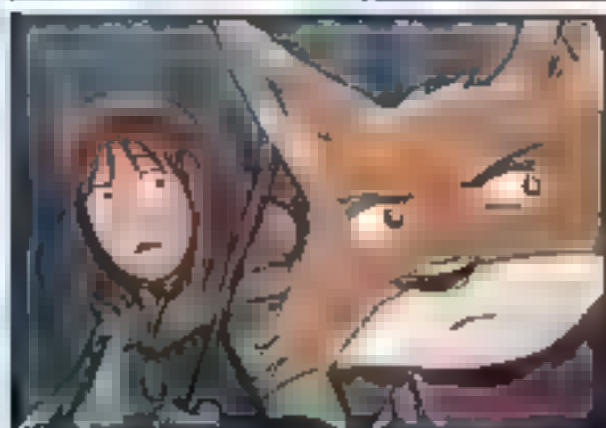


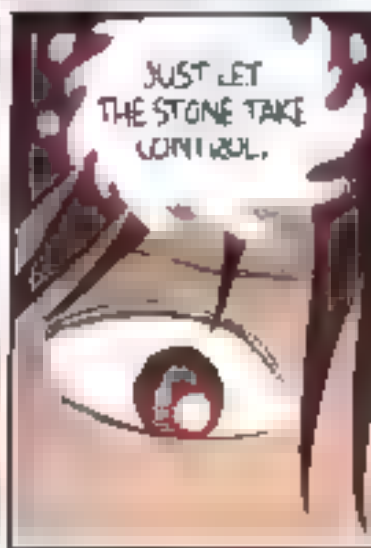


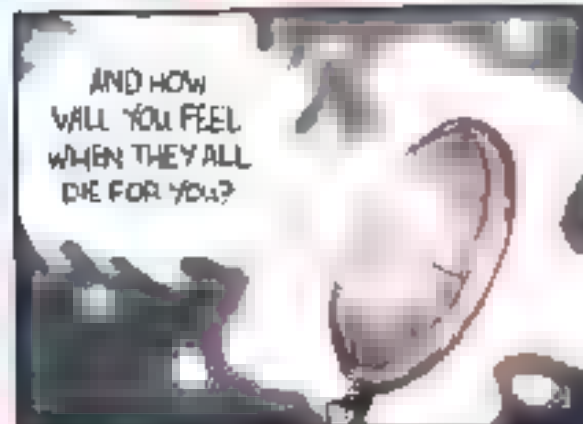


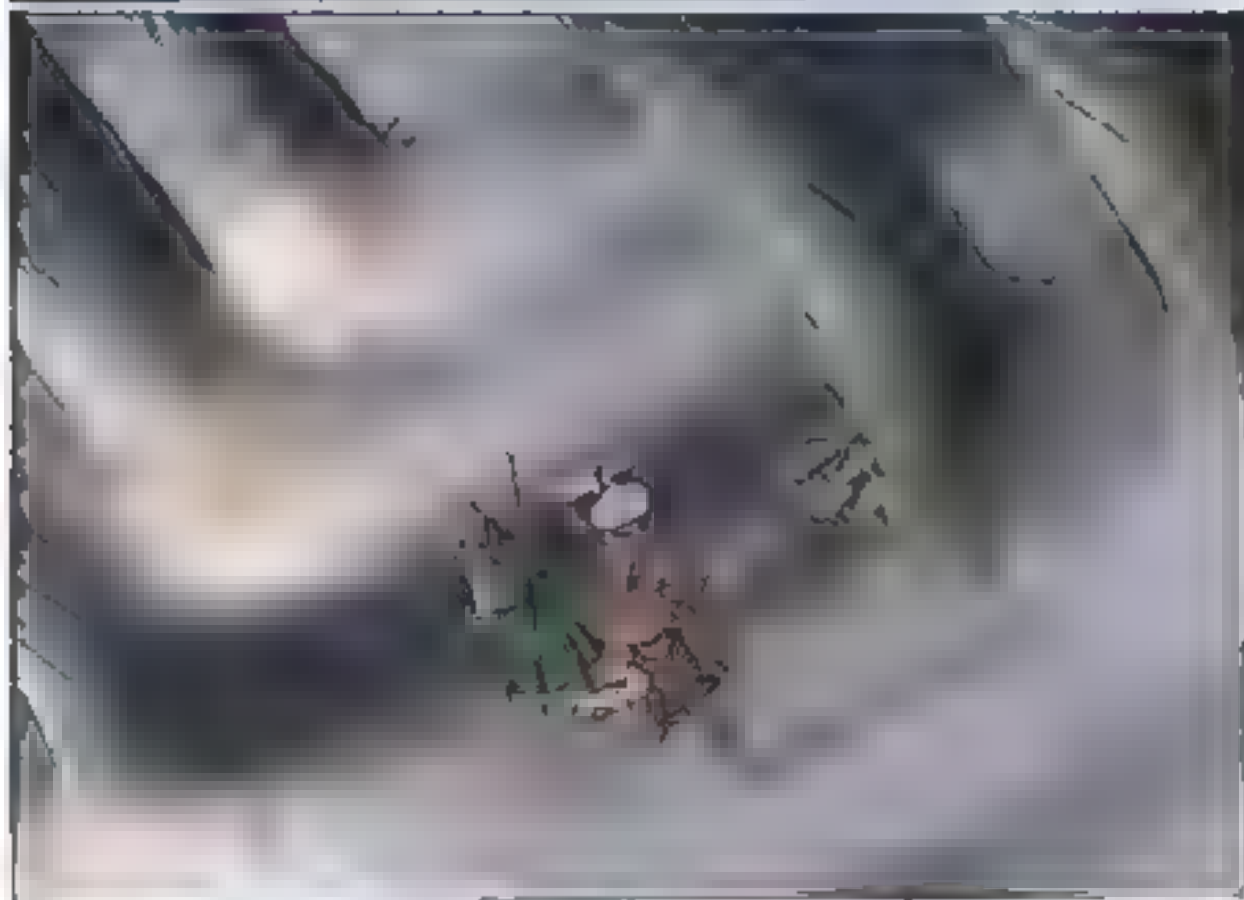
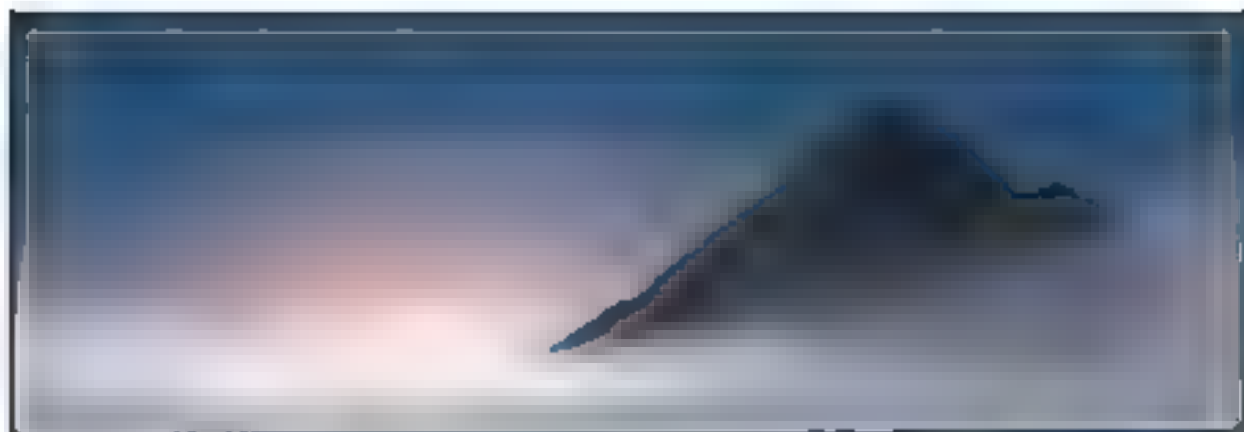


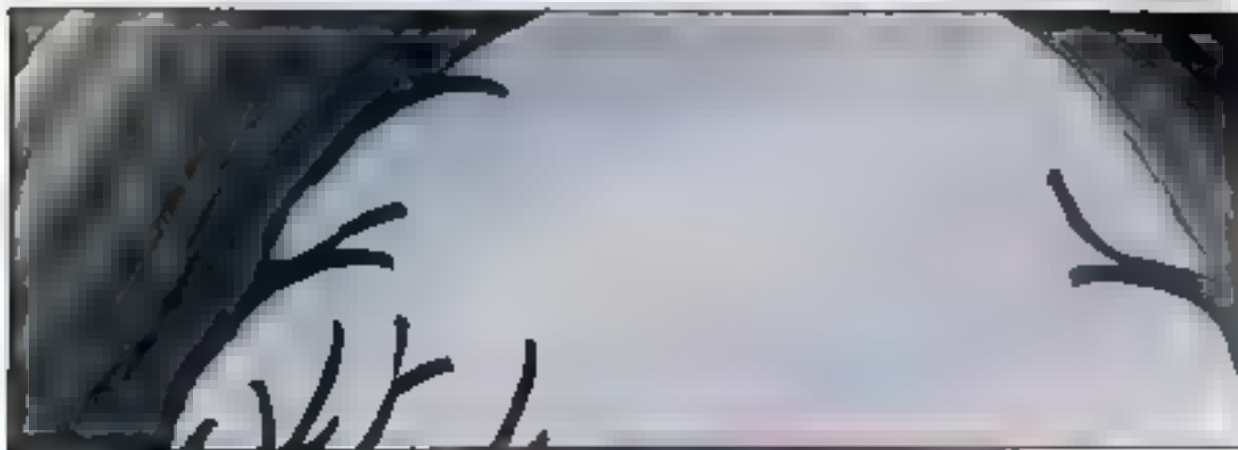




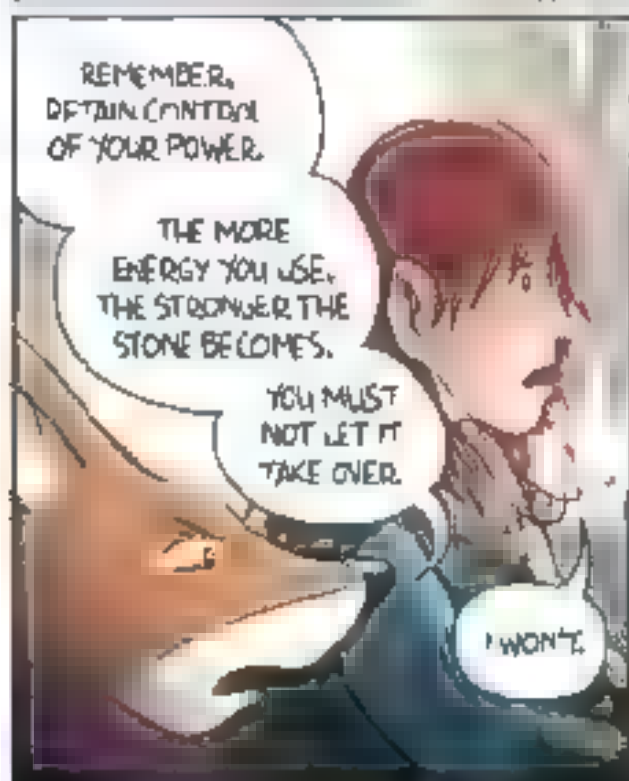












REMEMBER,
RETAIN CONTROL
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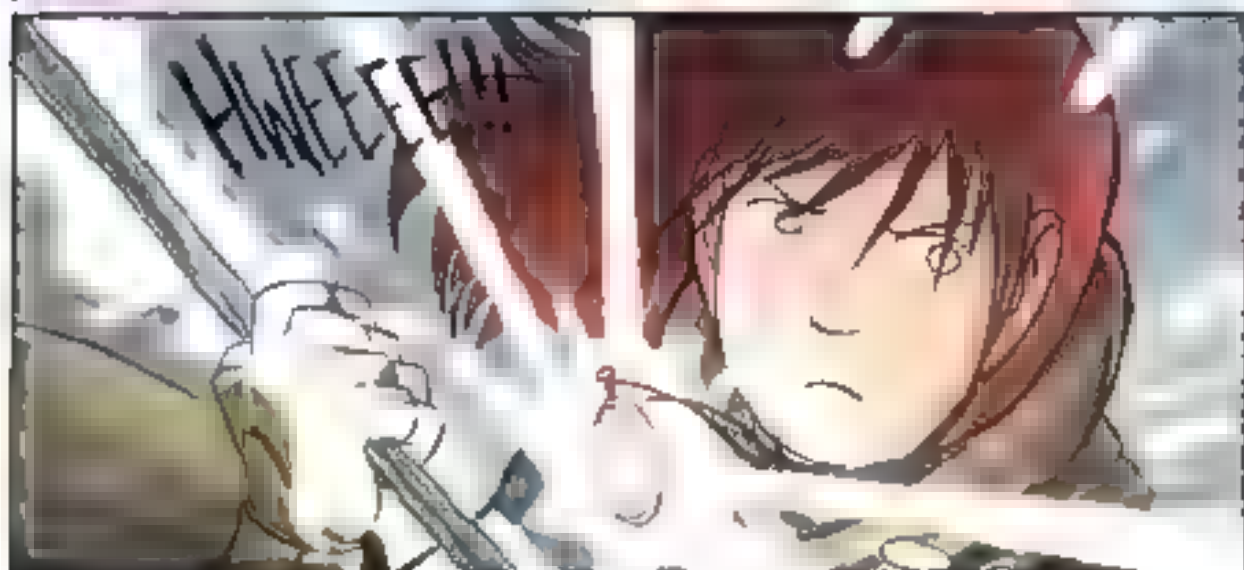
THE MORE
ENERGY YOU USE,
THE STRONGER THE
STONE BECOMES.

YOU MUST
NOT LET IT
TAKE OVER.

I WON'T.

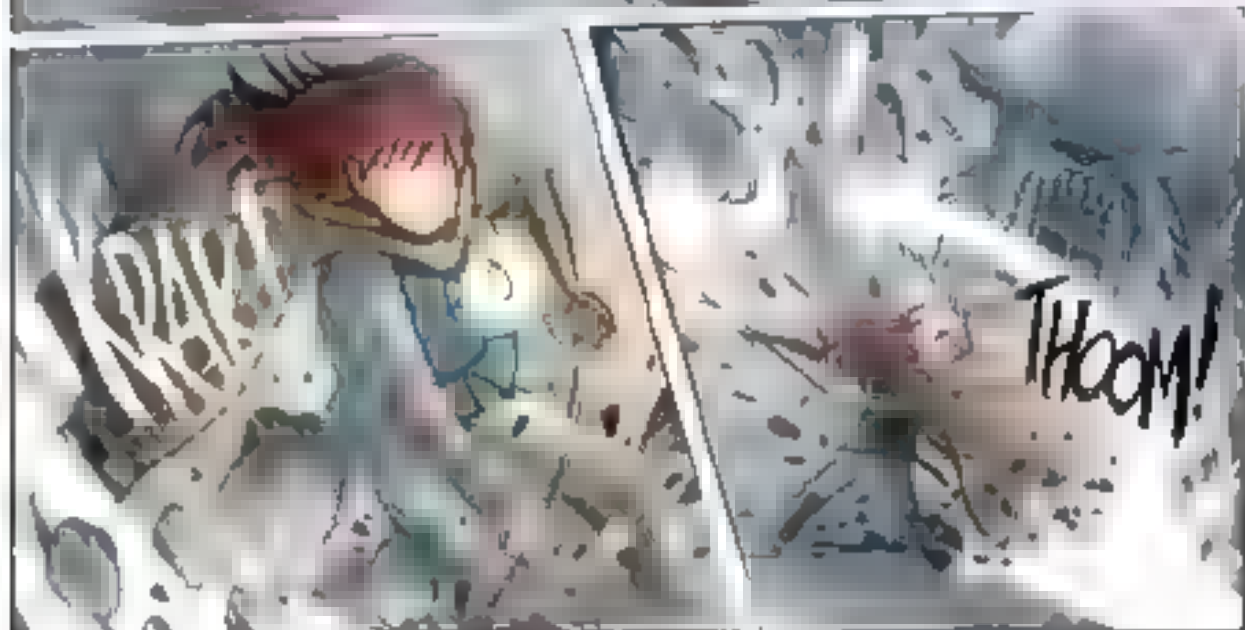


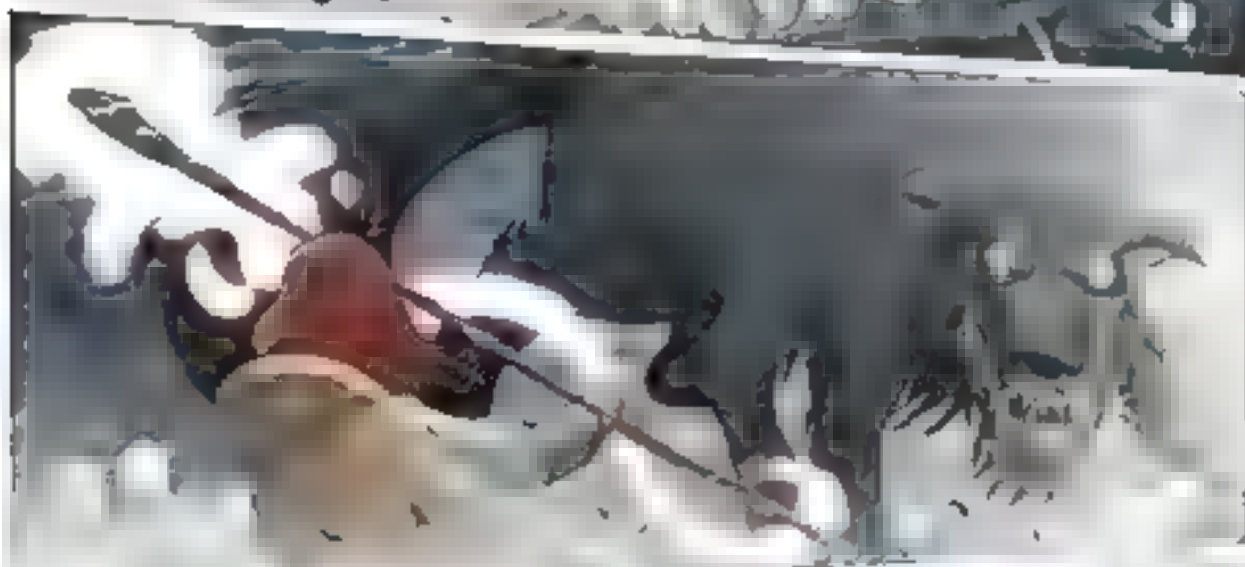
KILL
THEM.



HWEEEH!!



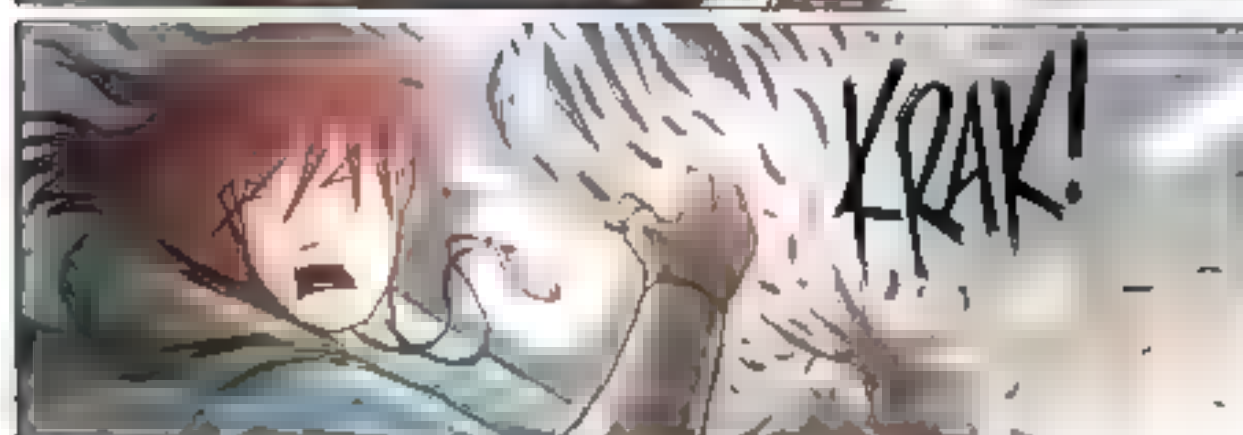
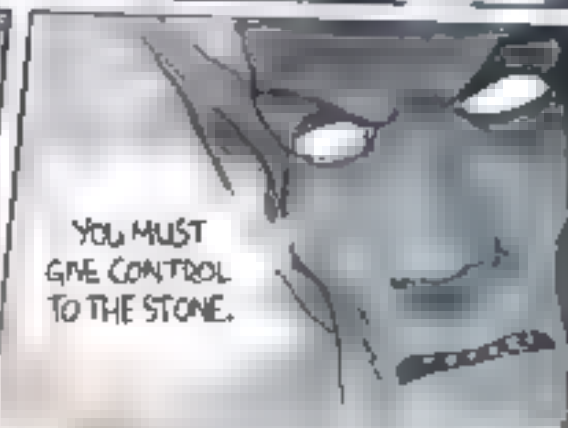
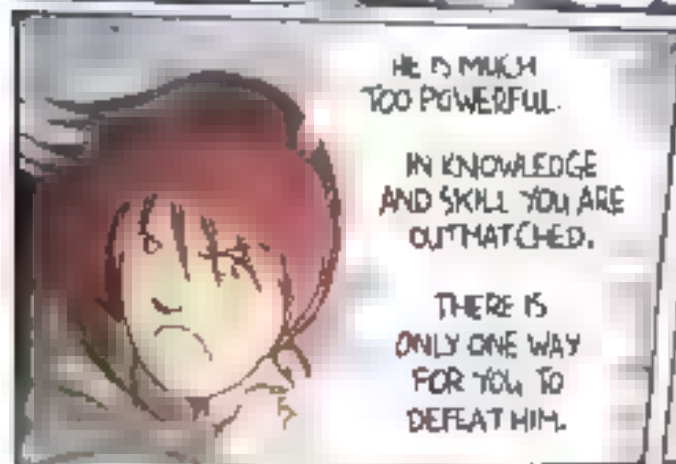


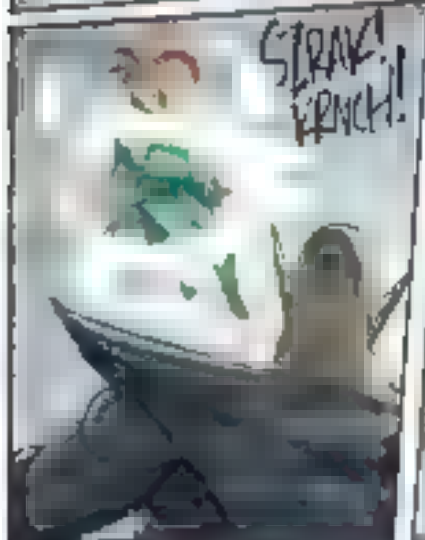
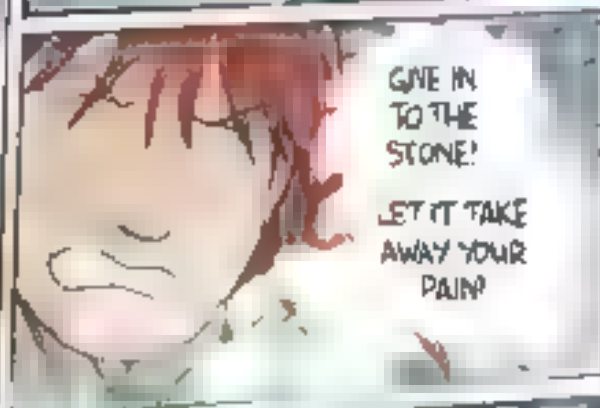
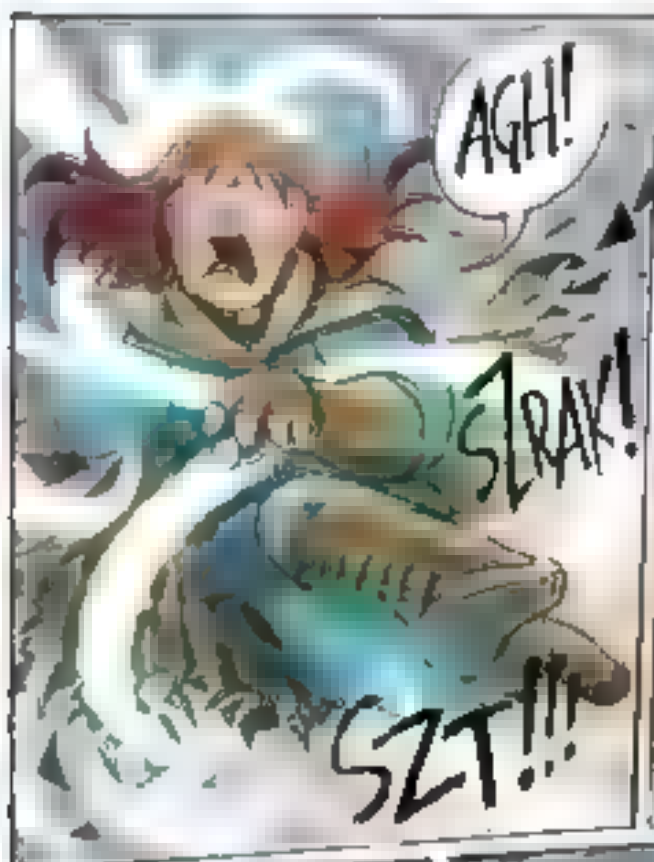


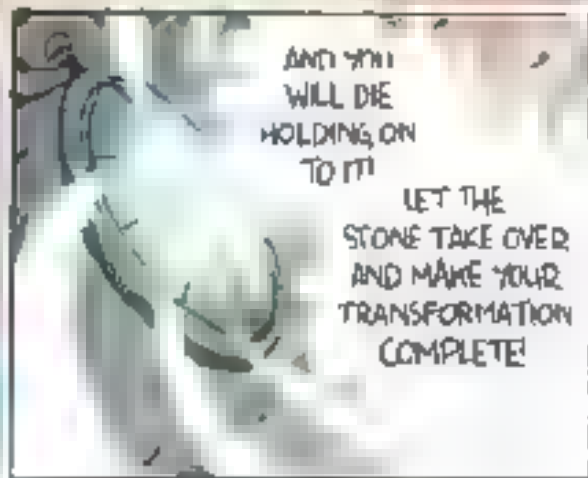
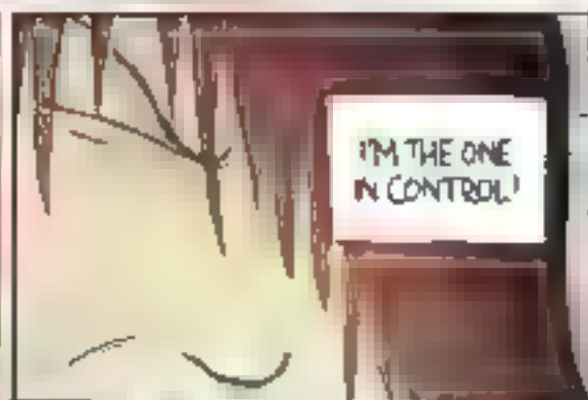
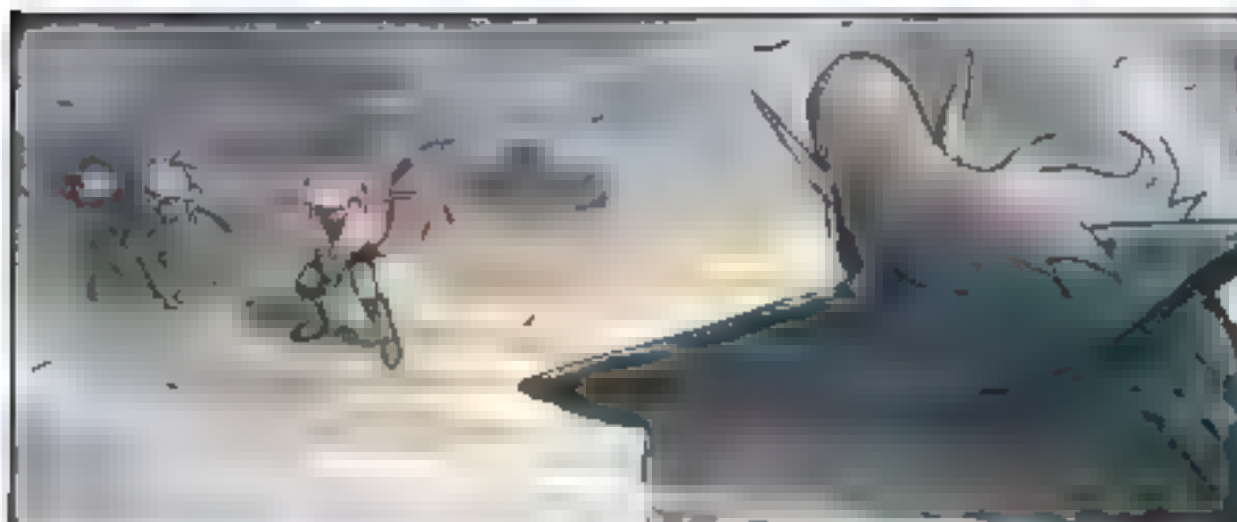


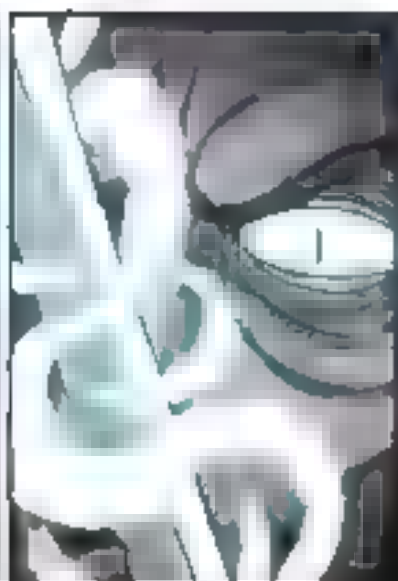
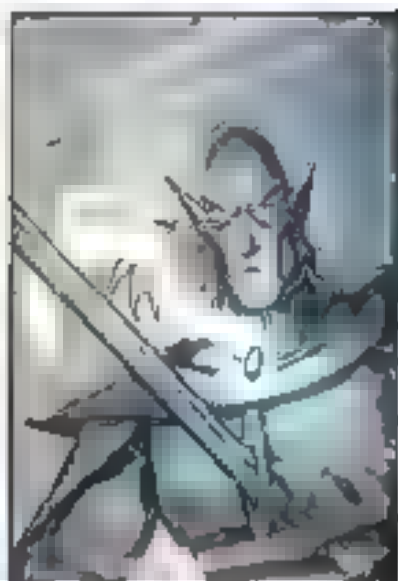




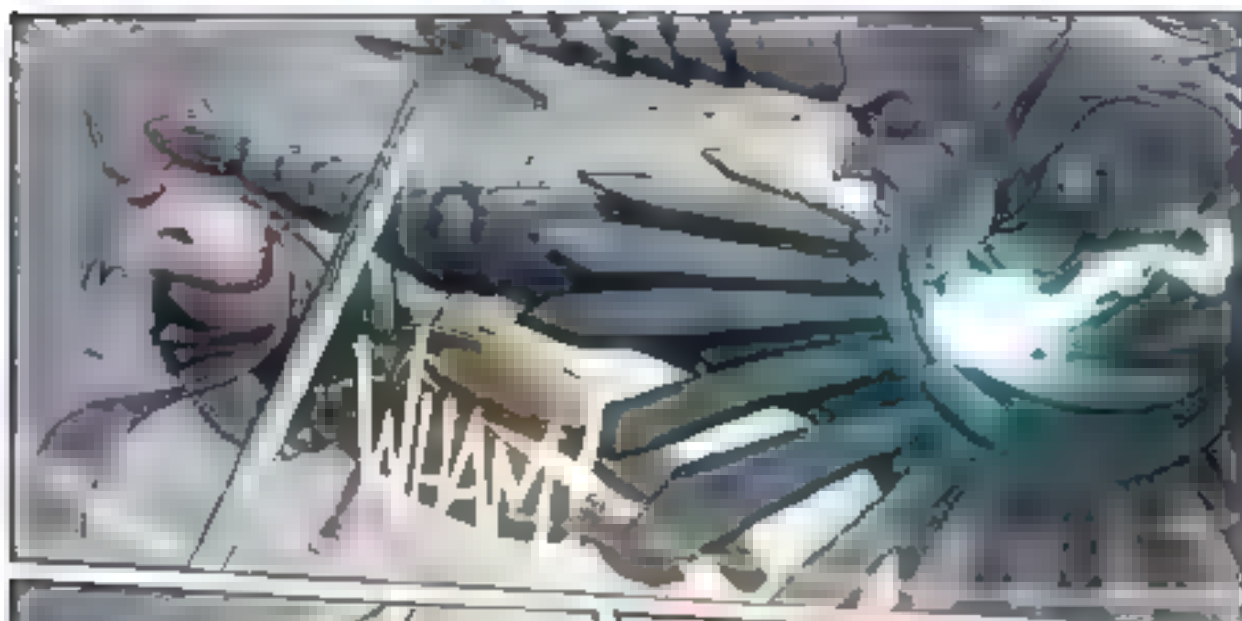


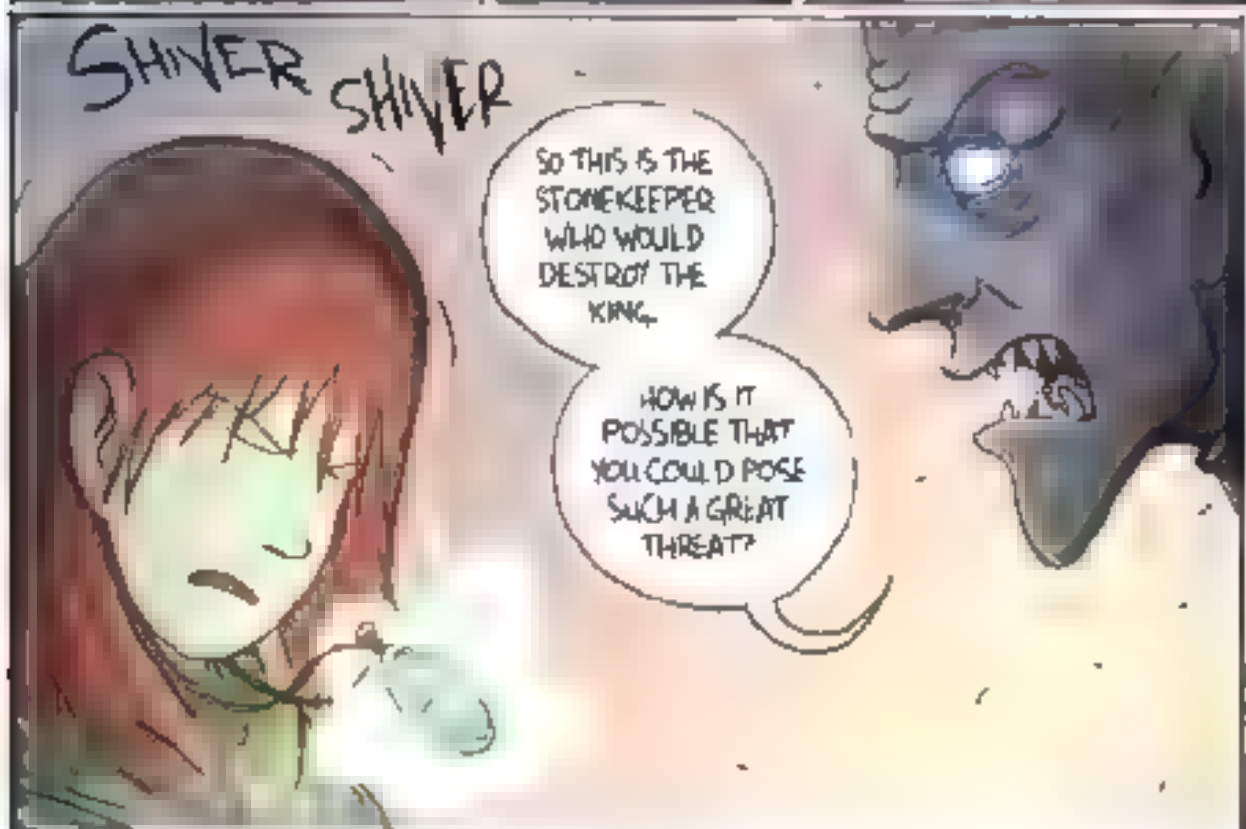
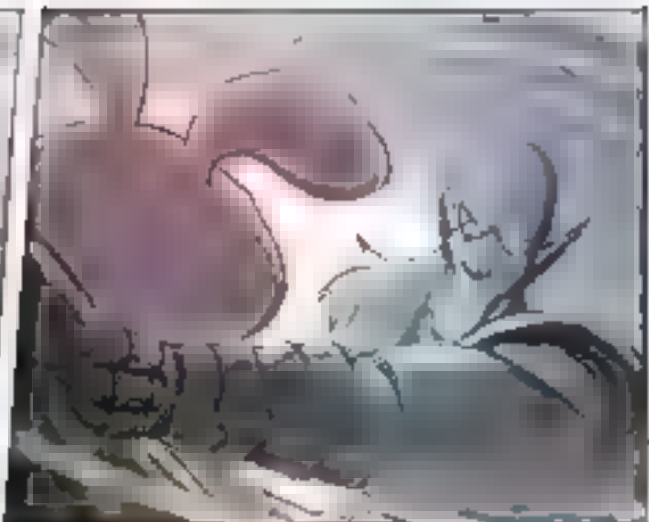


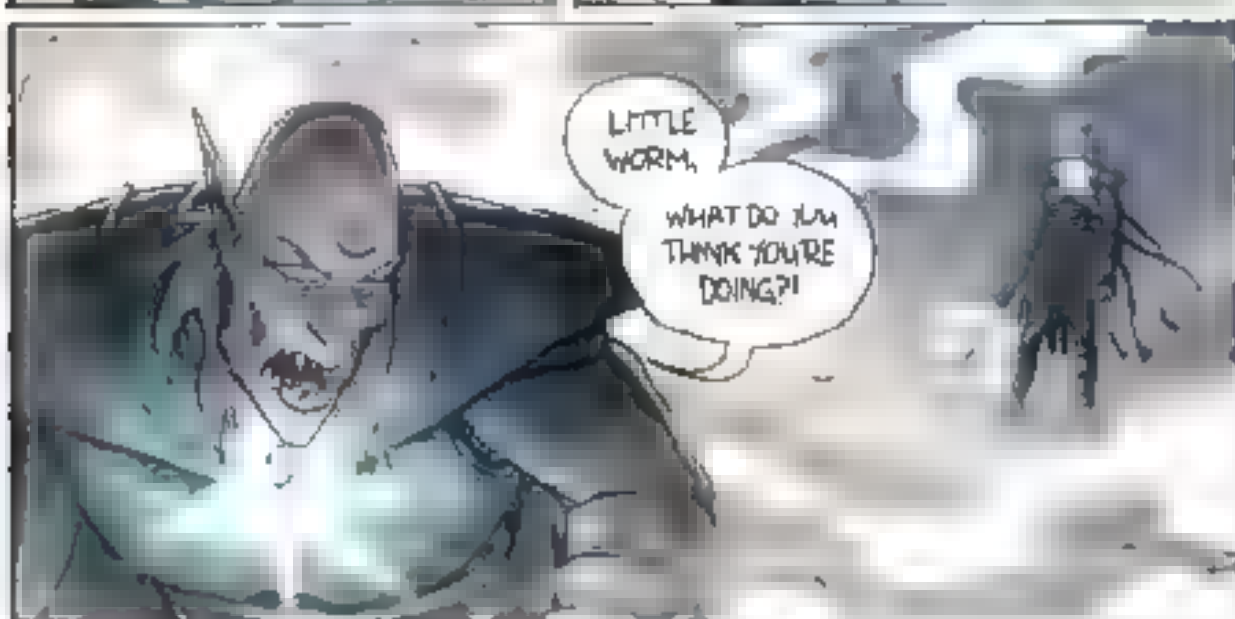
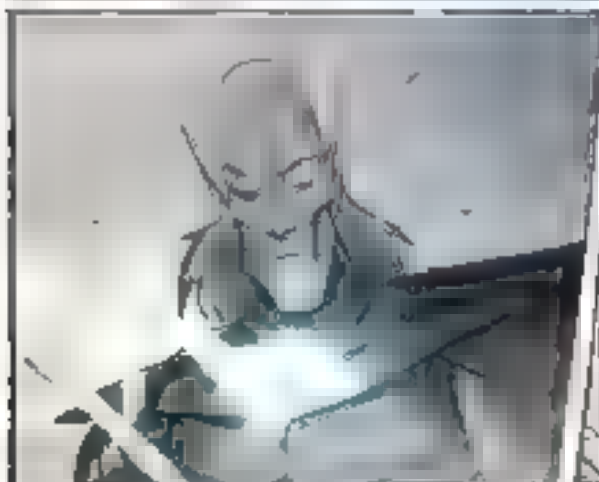
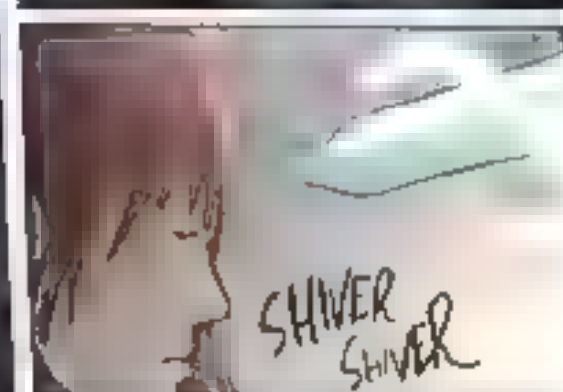


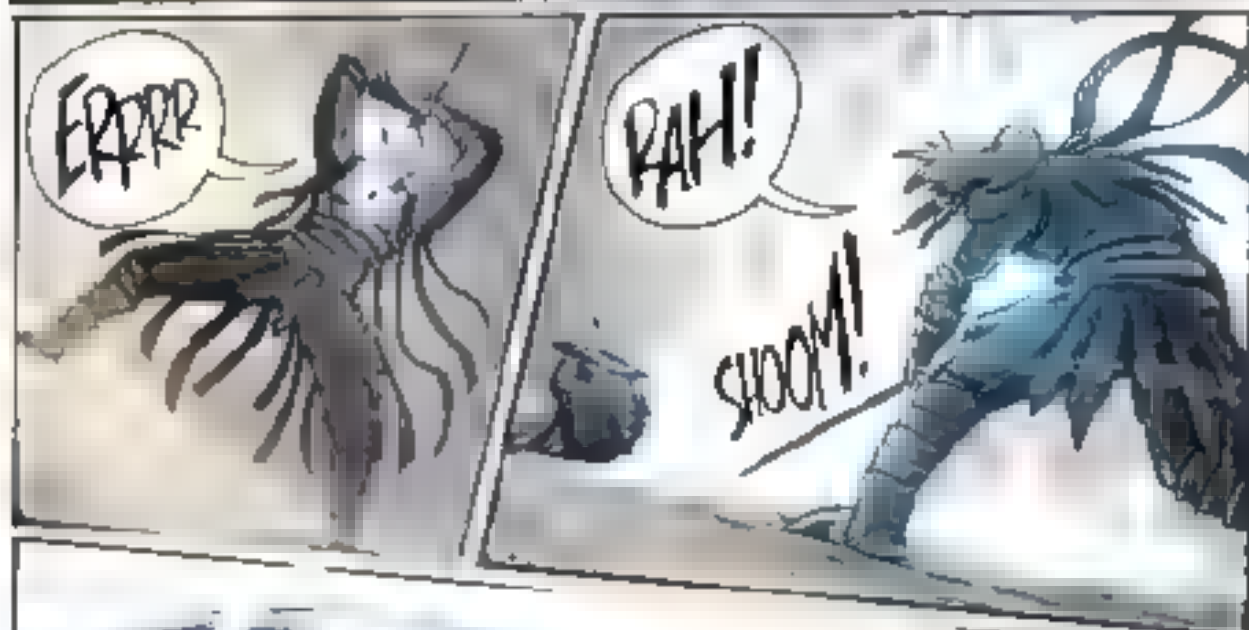


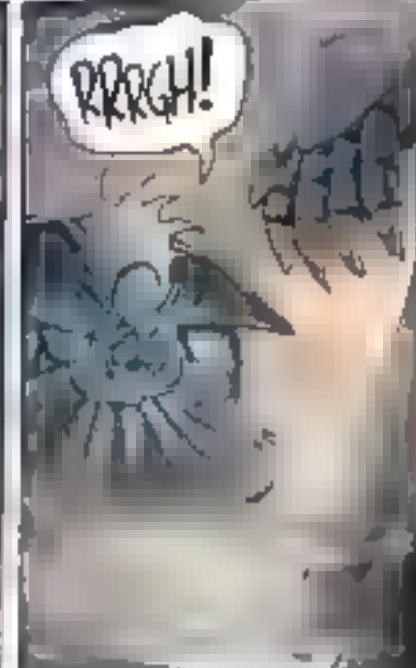


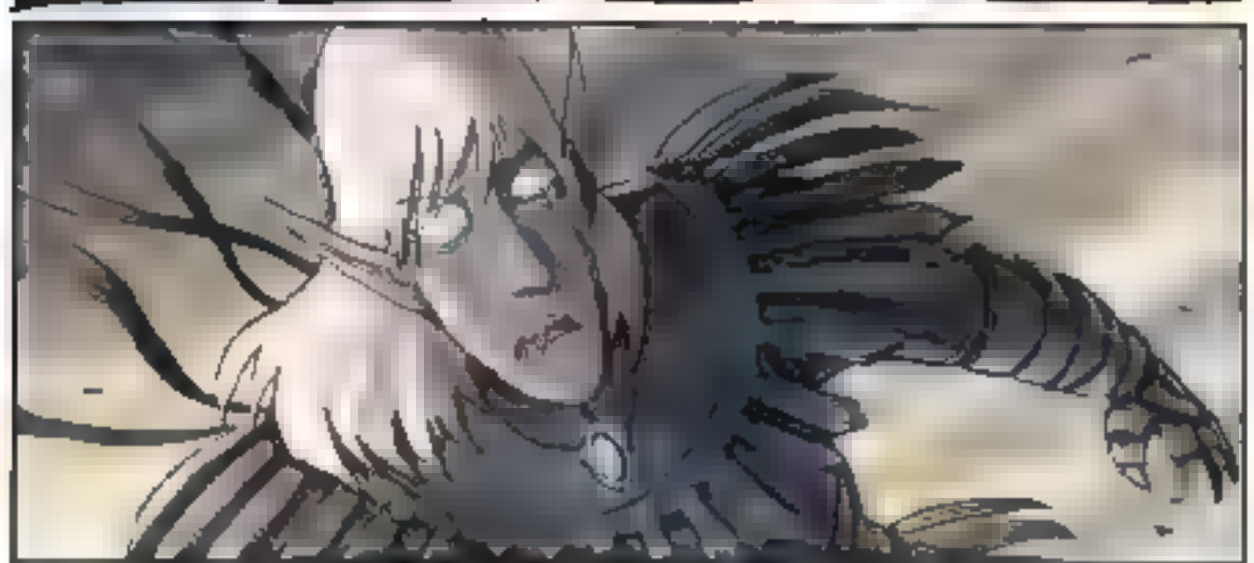
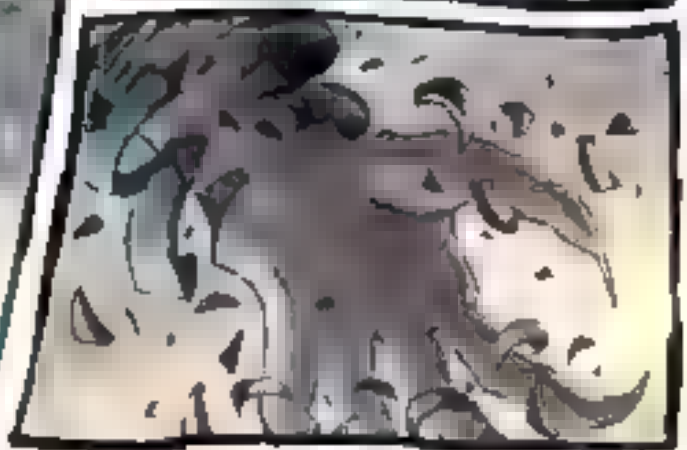
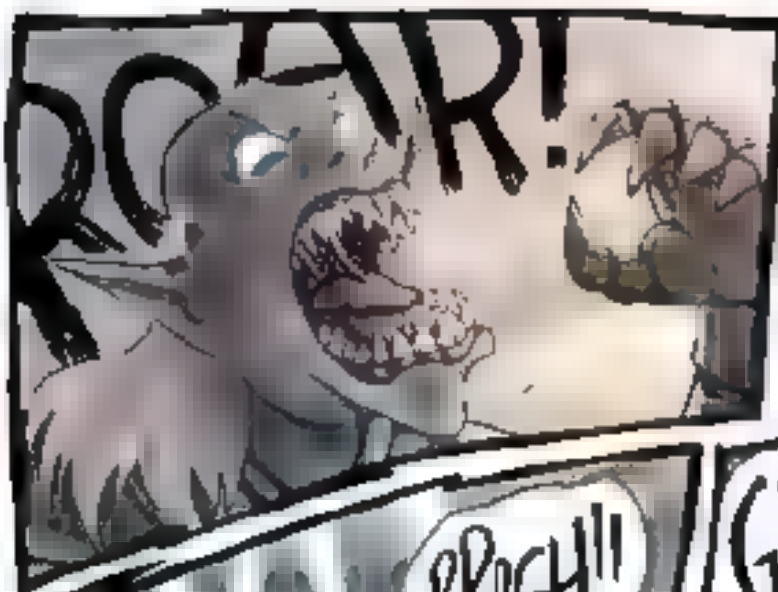




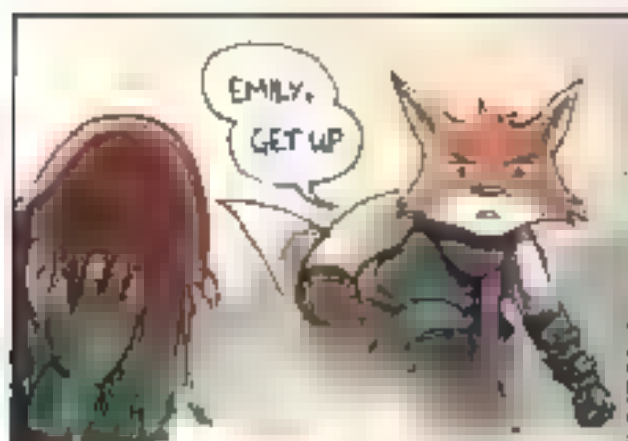


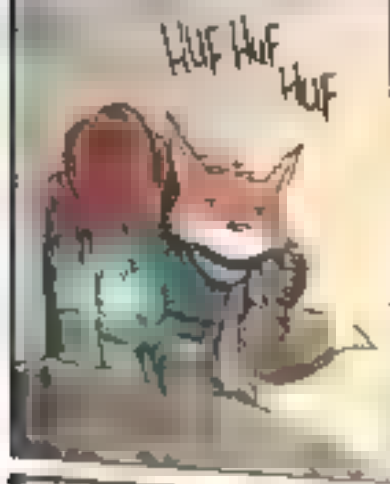




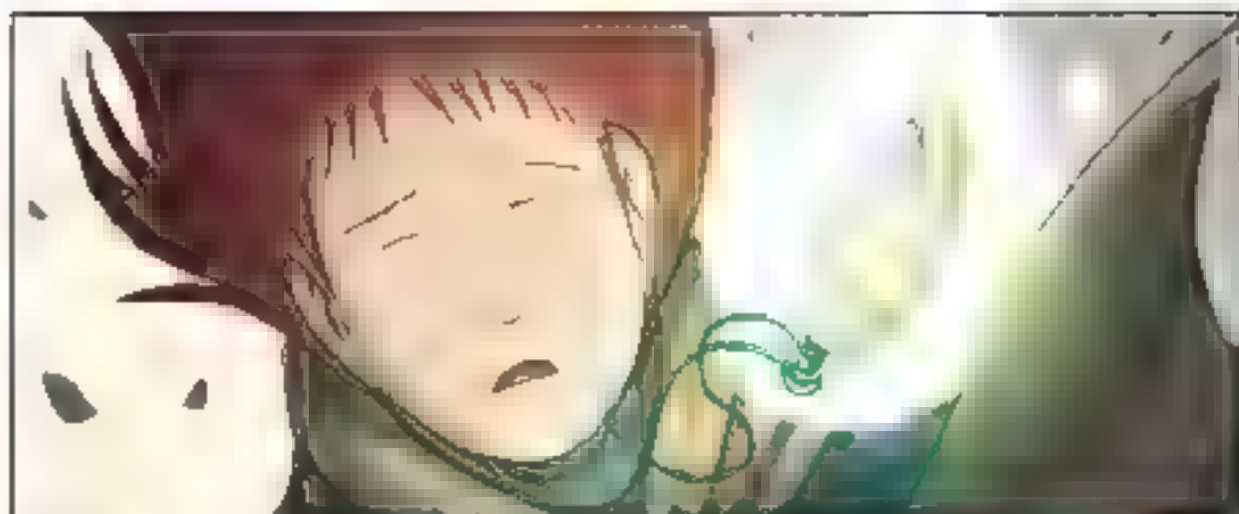


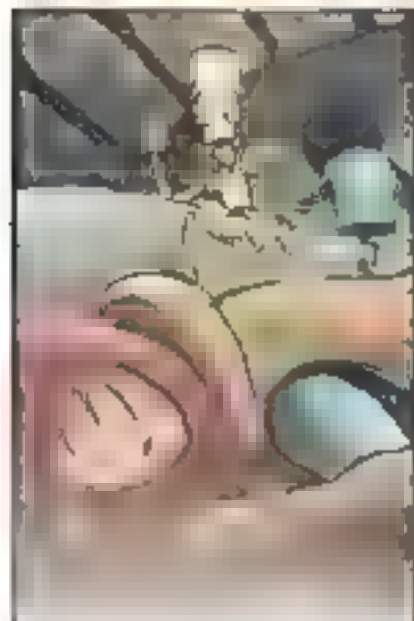
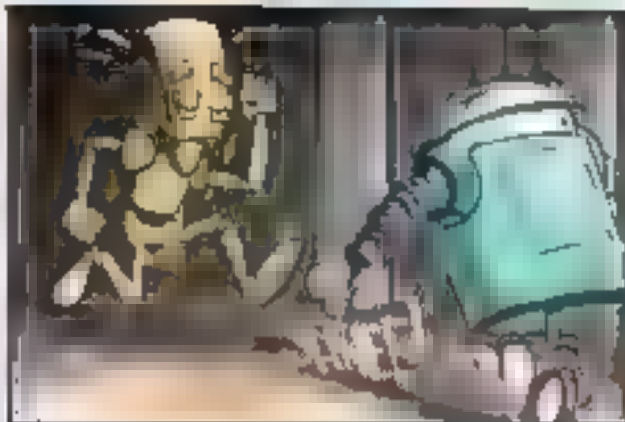


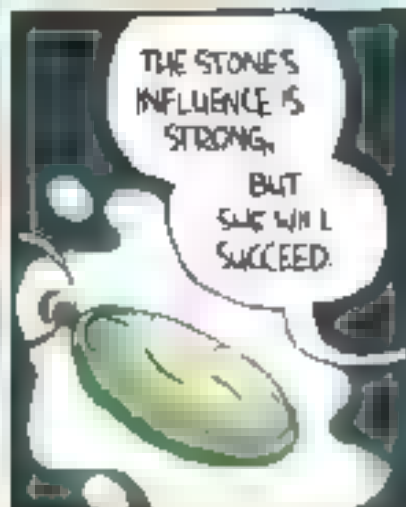


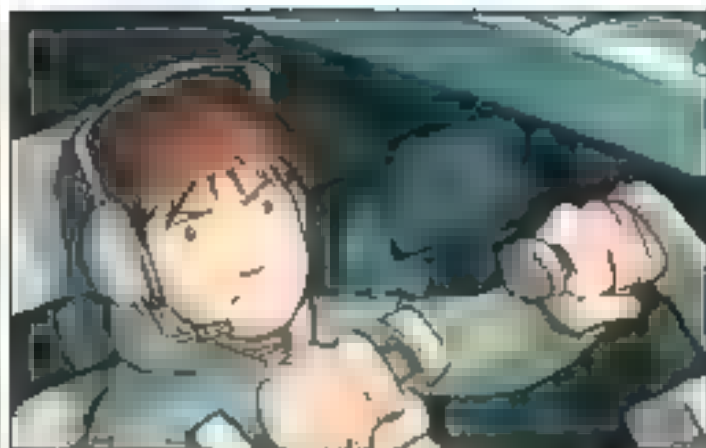
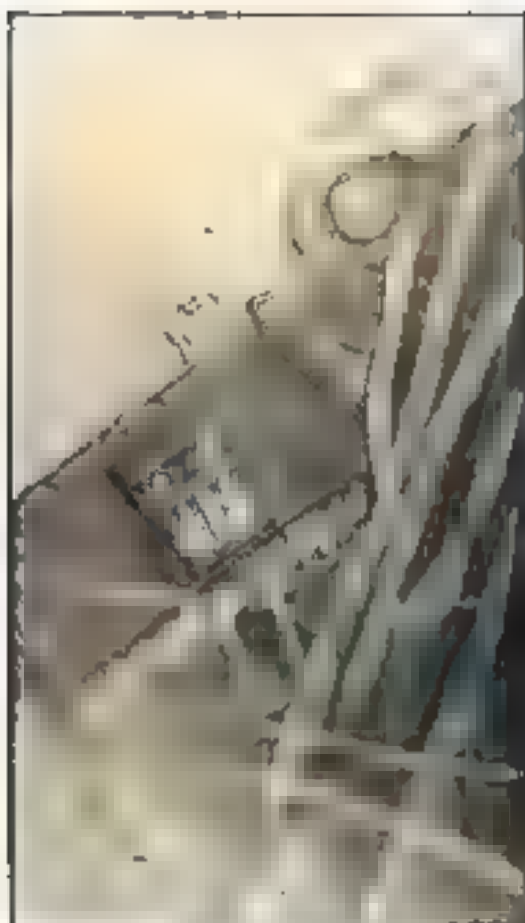




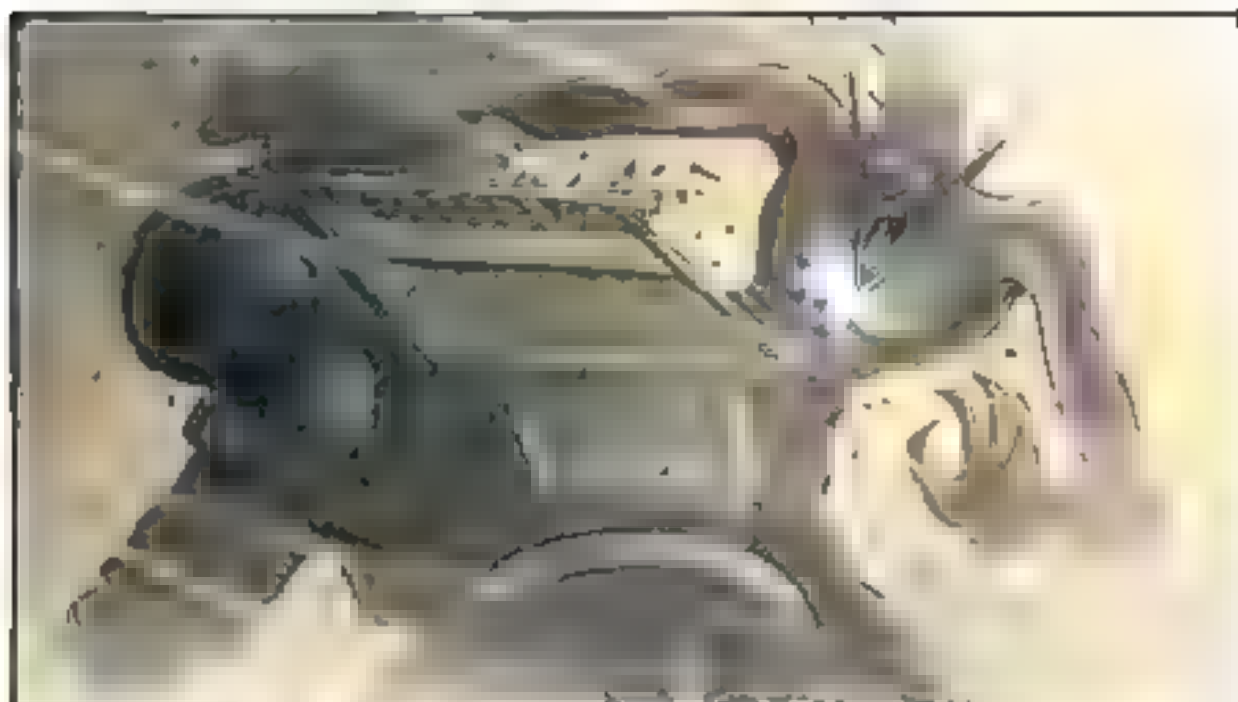




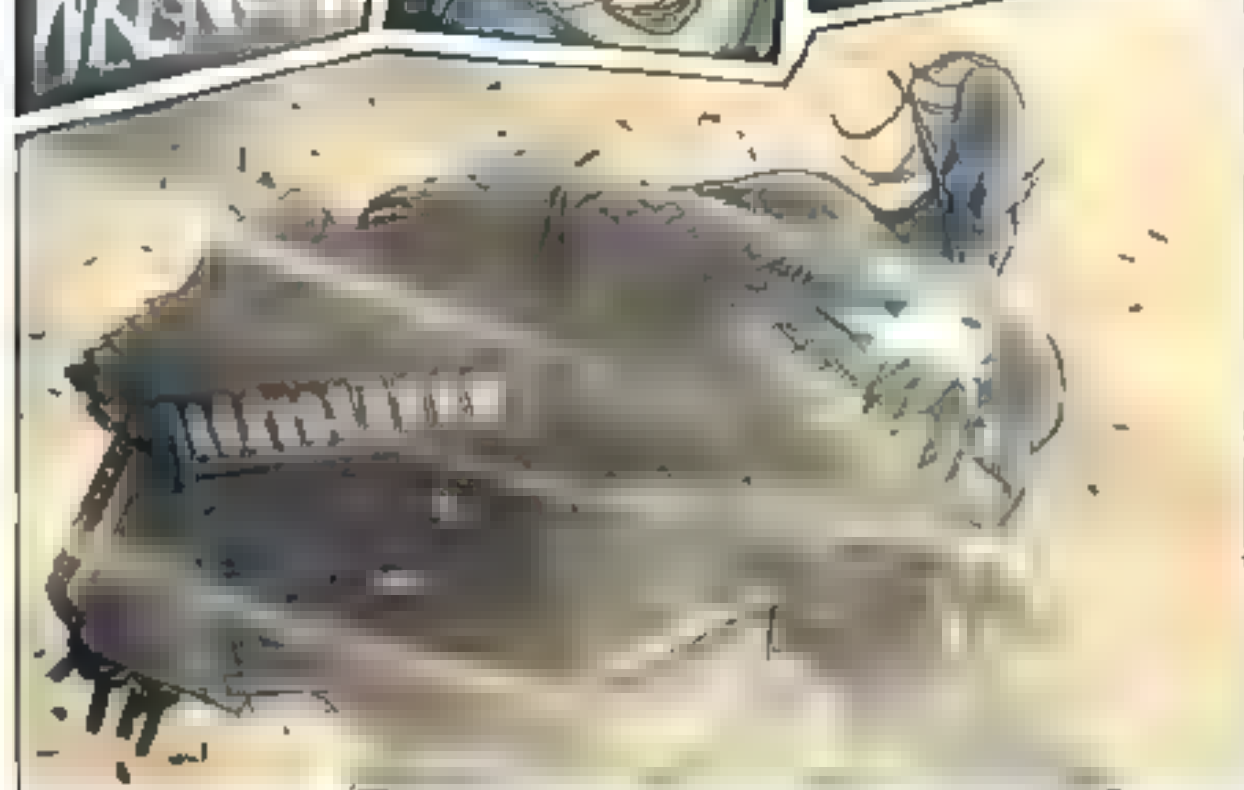




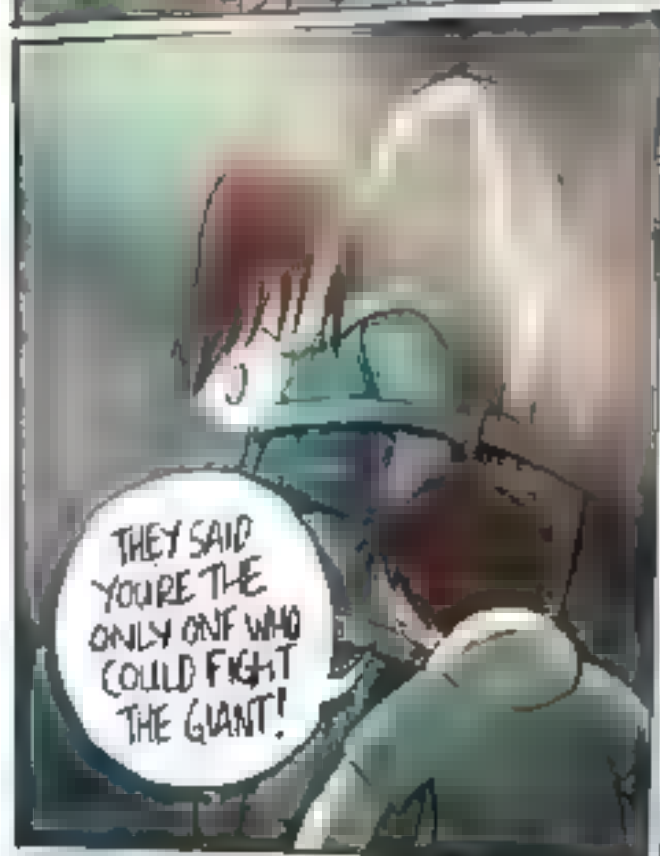






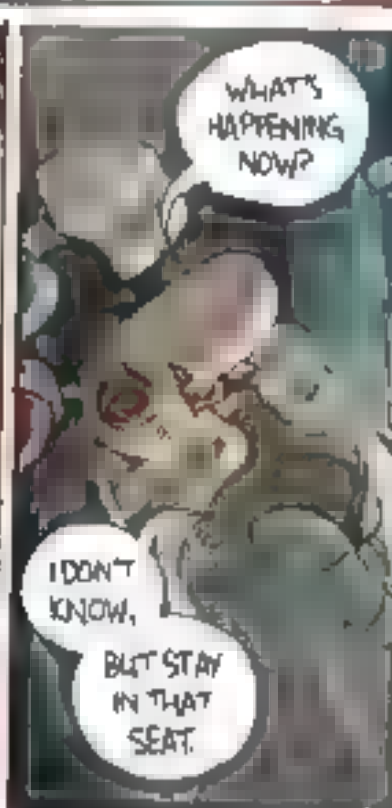
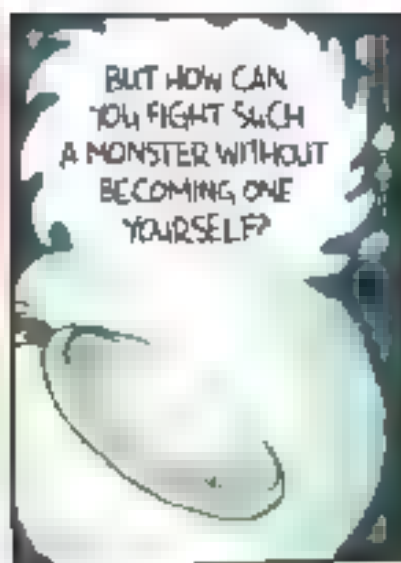


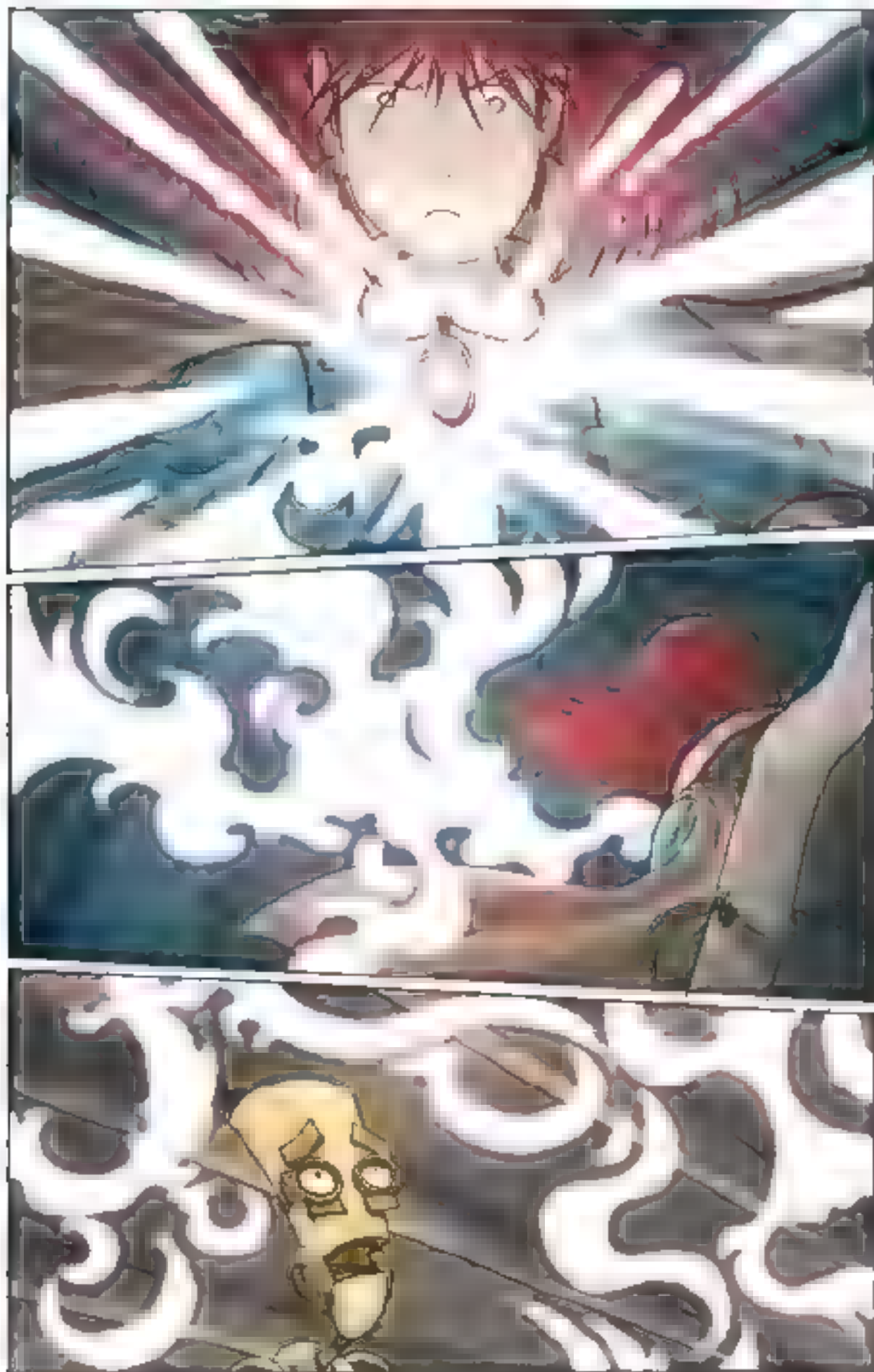


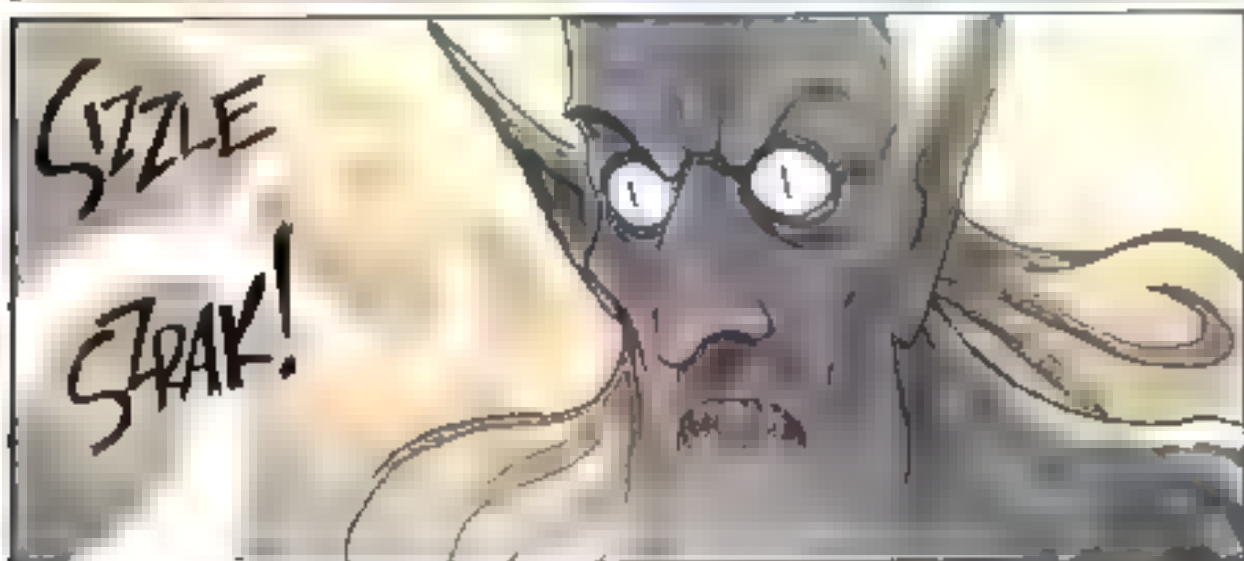
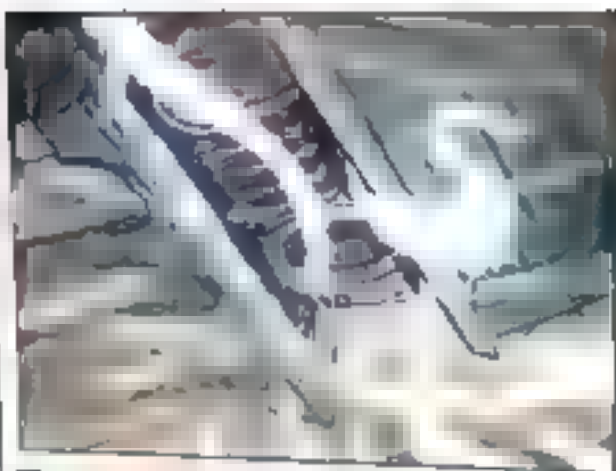


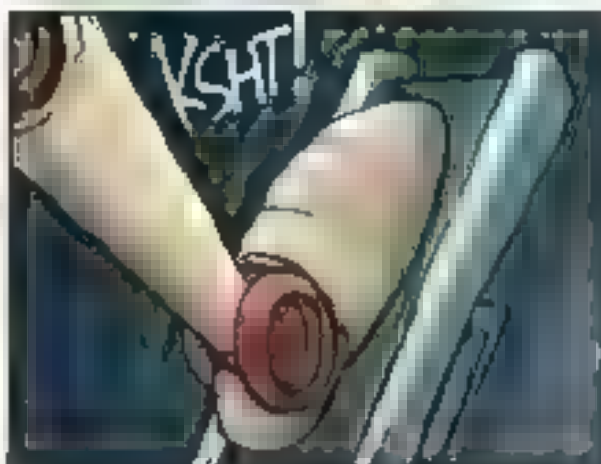
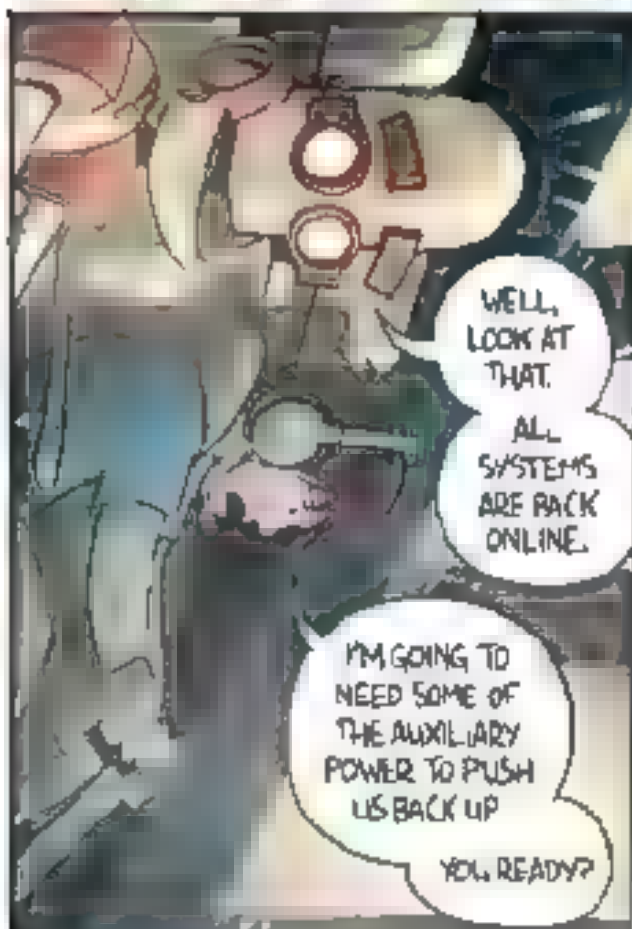
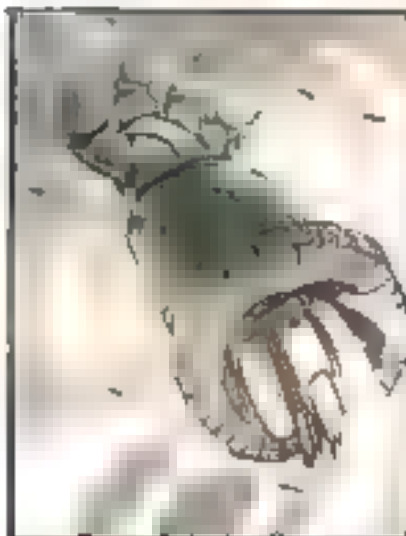


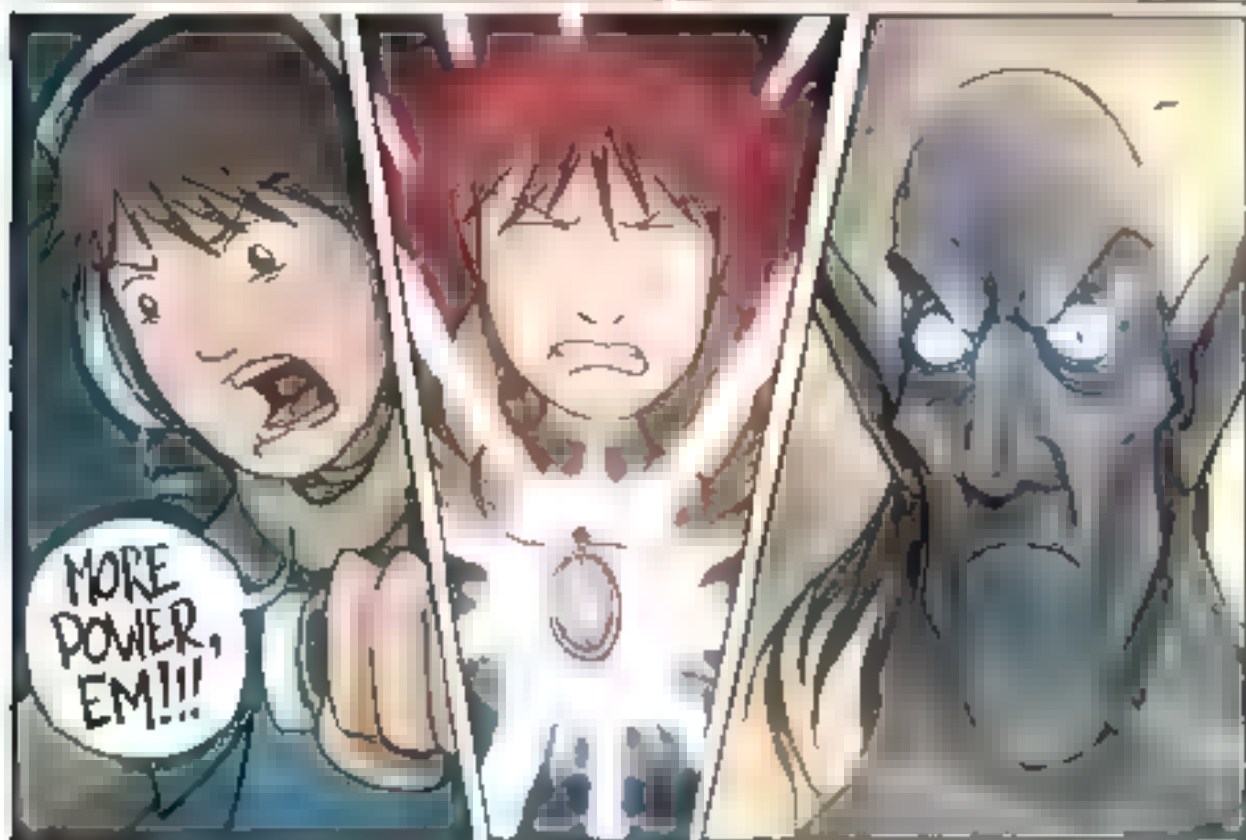
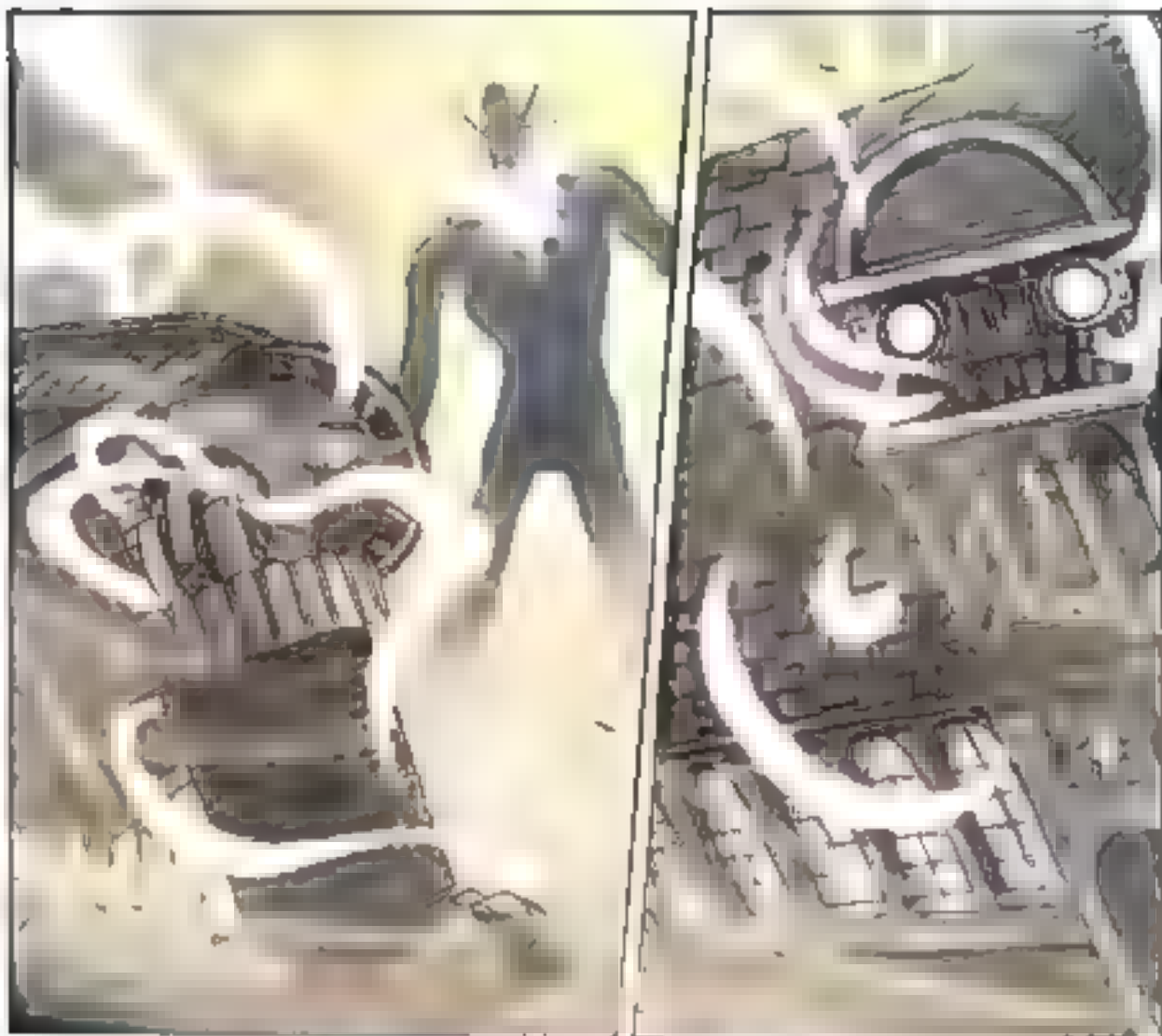






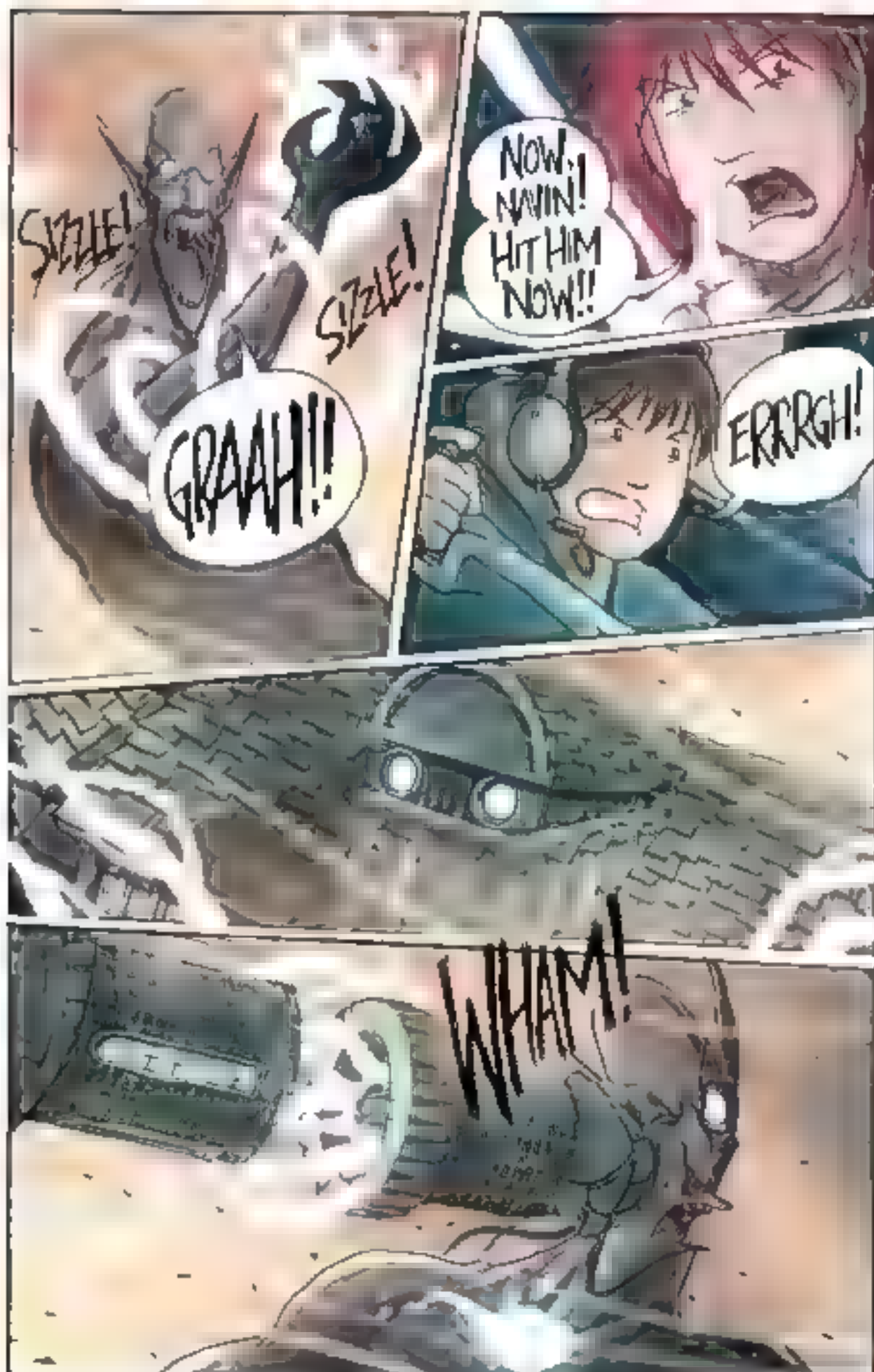


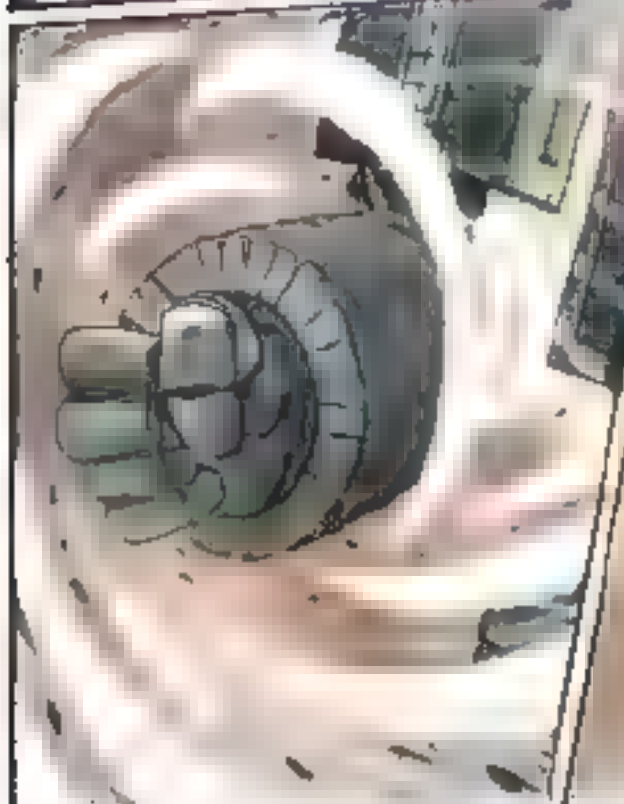


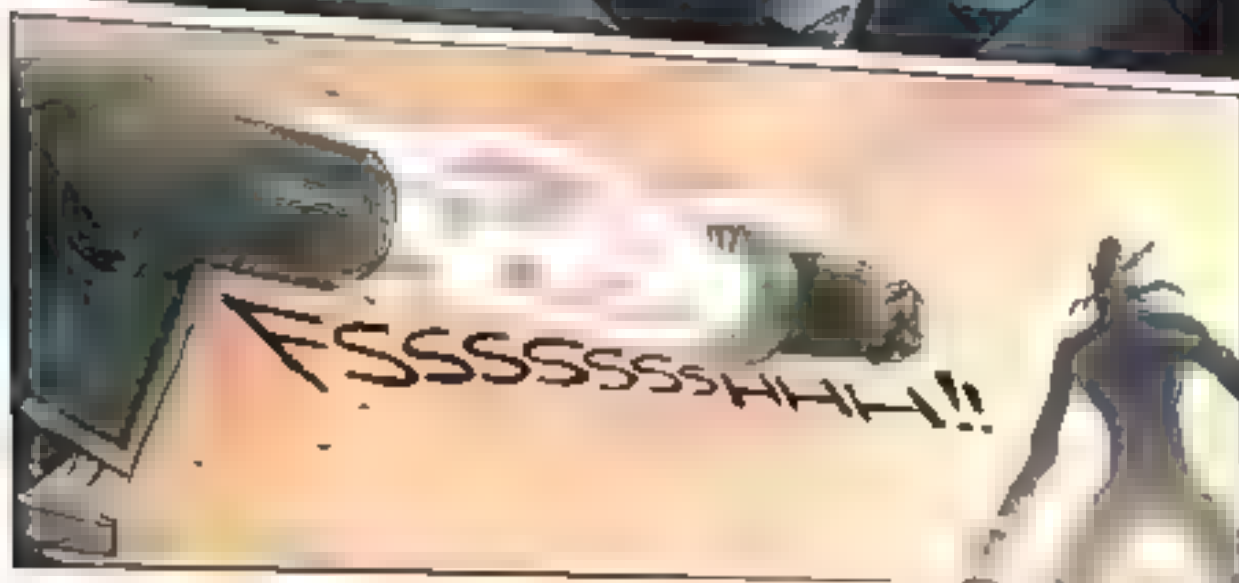


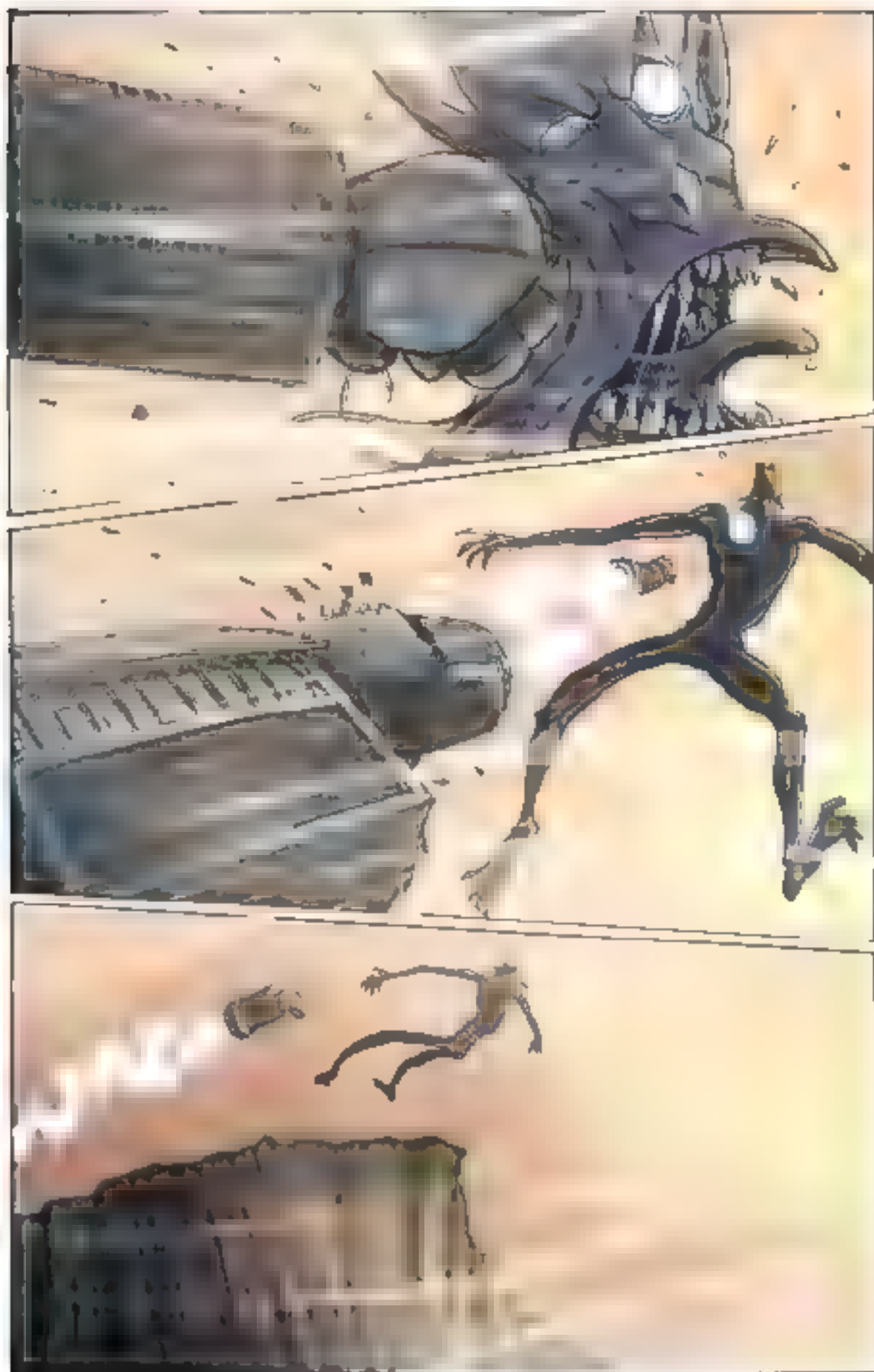




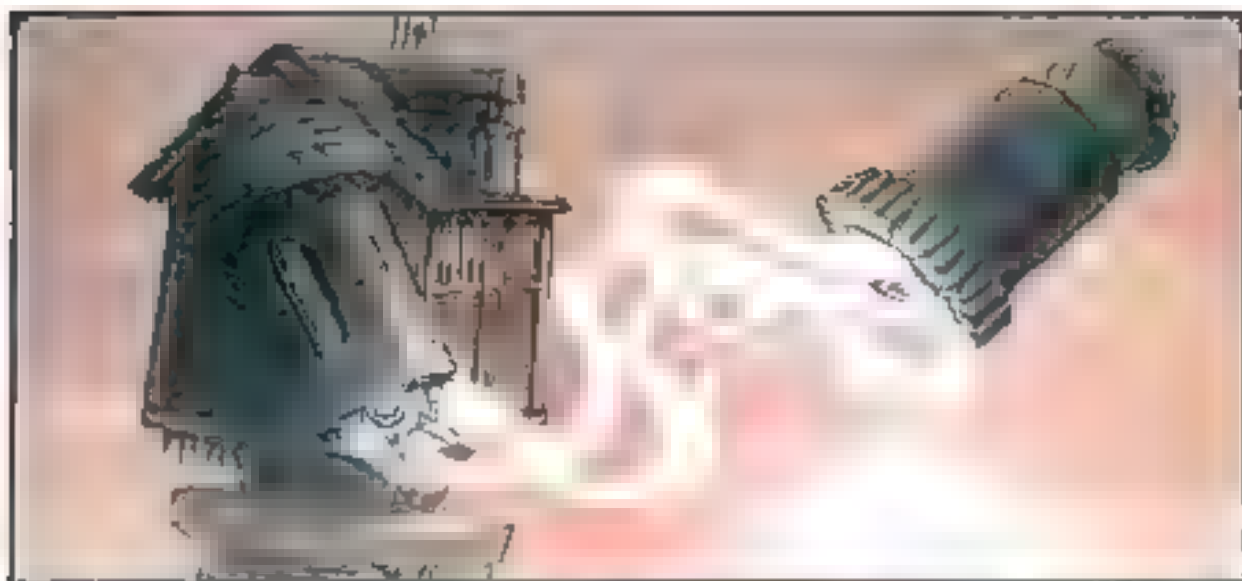








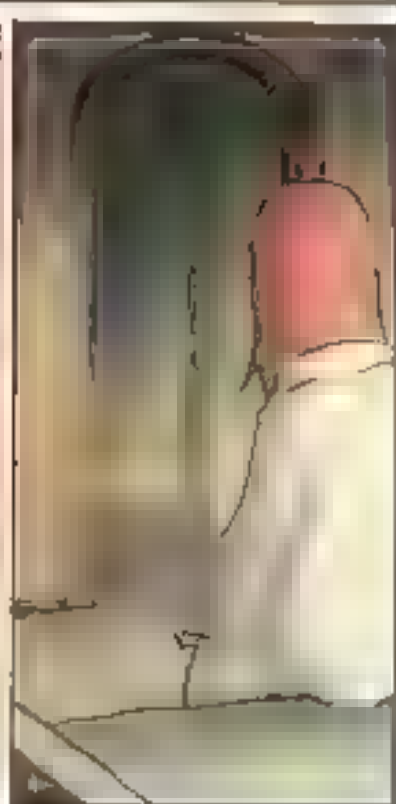


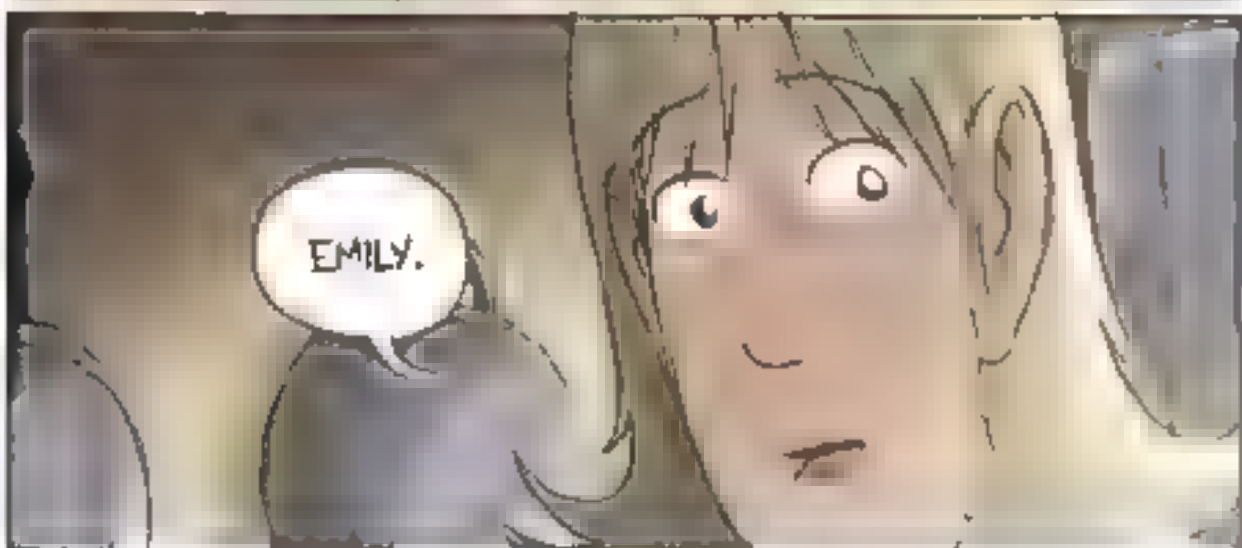
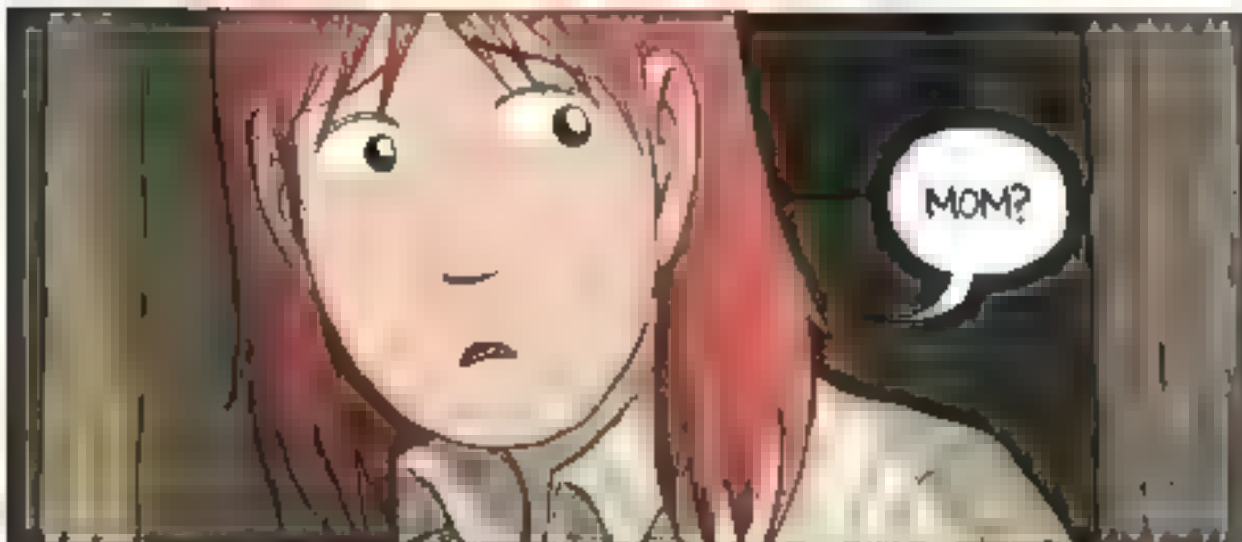


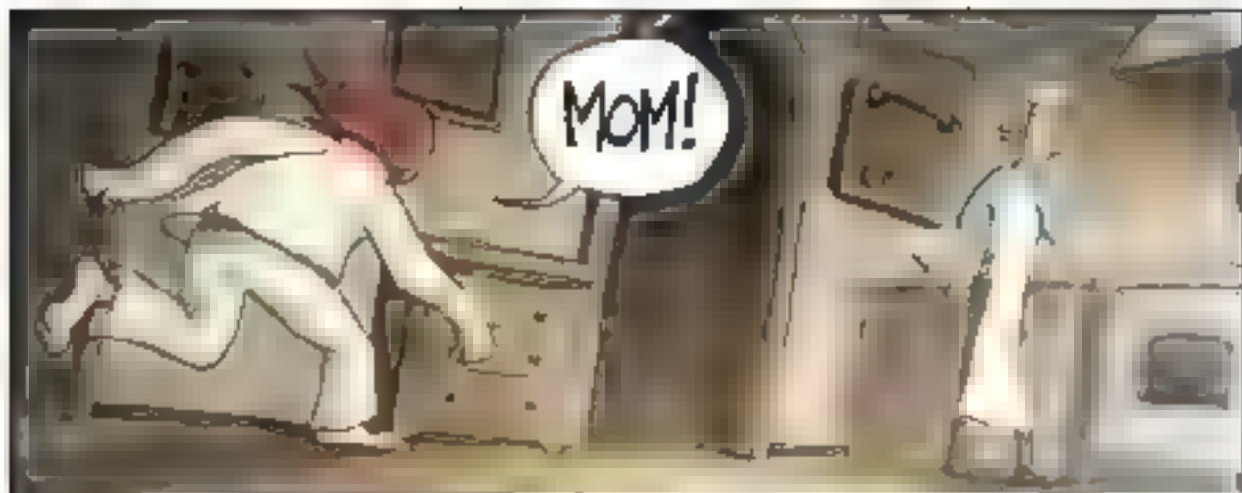




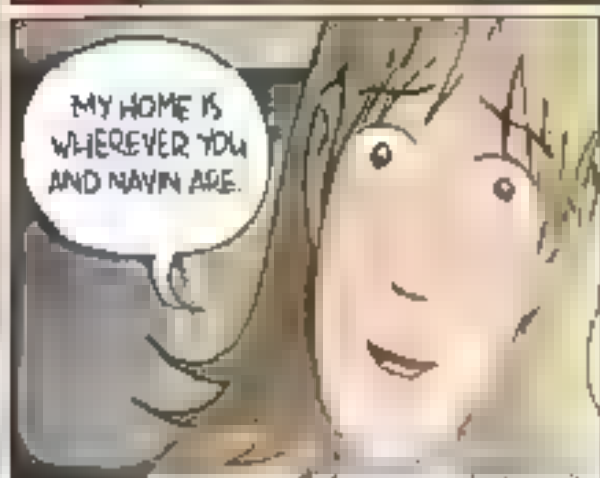


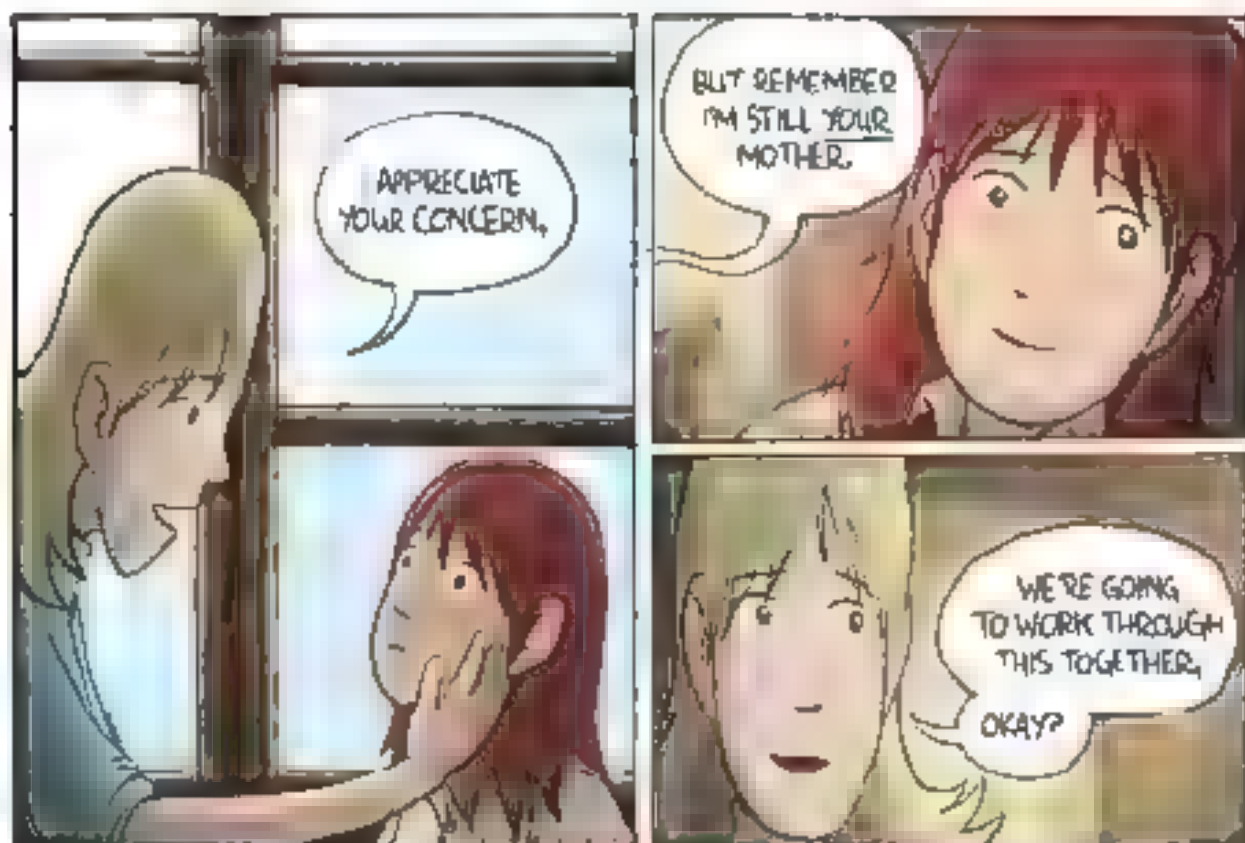


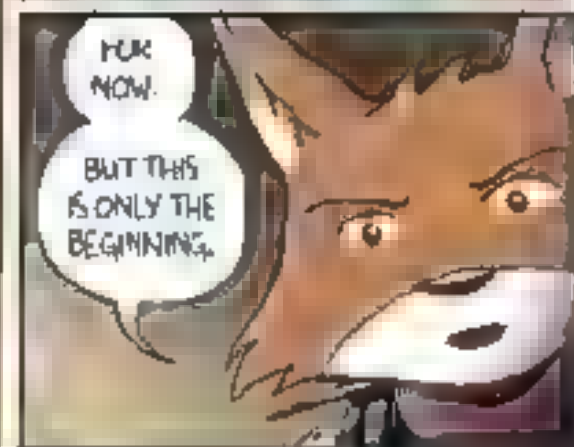


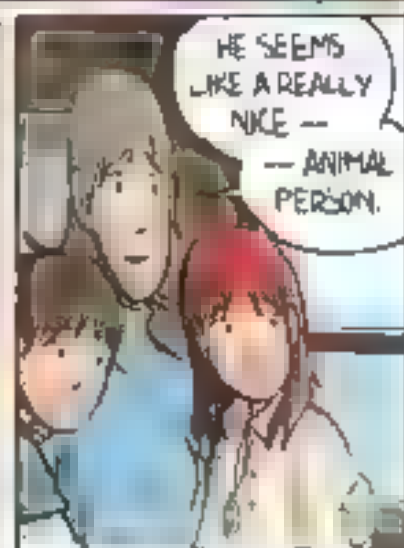


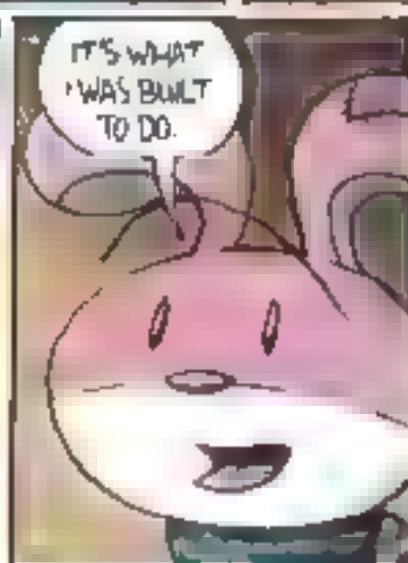
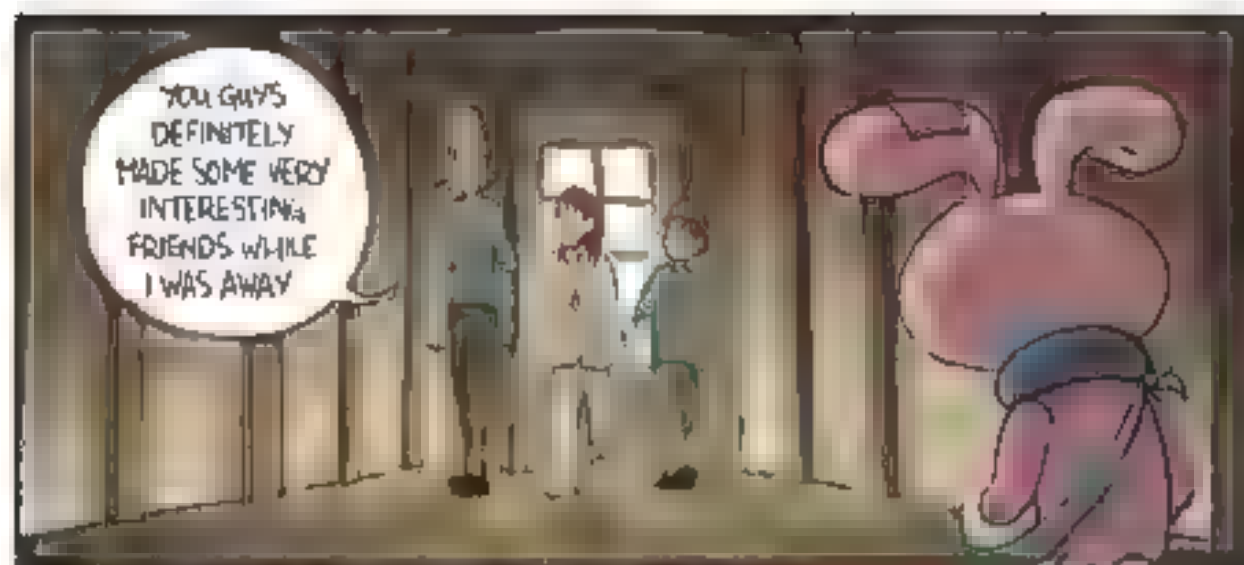


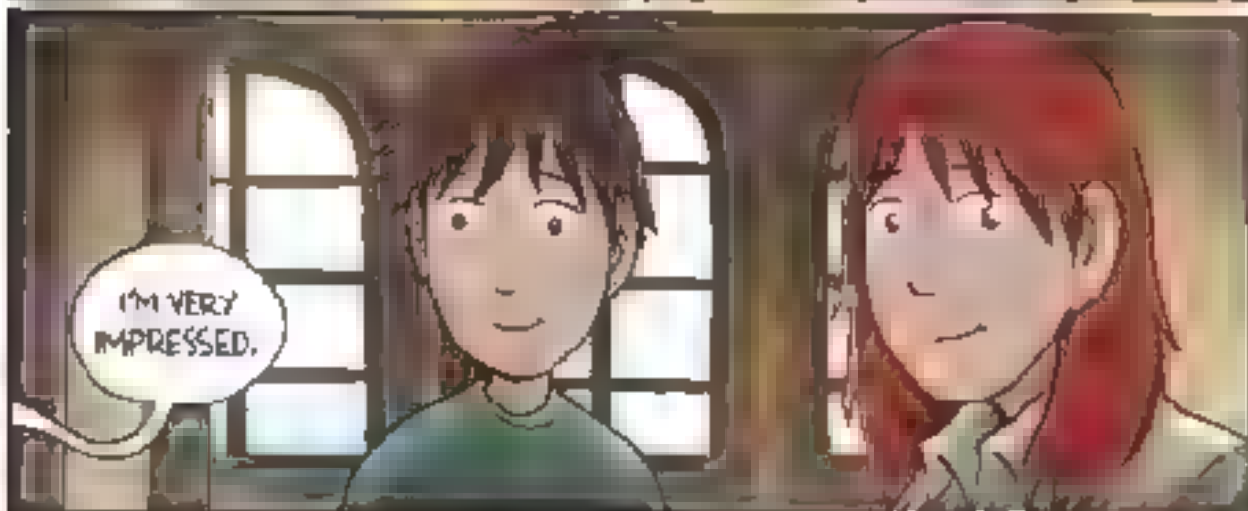
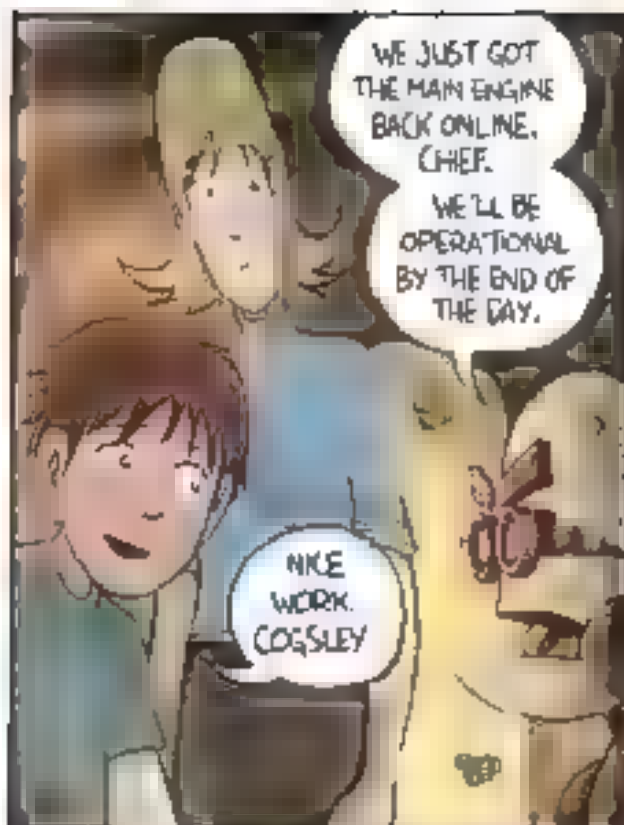




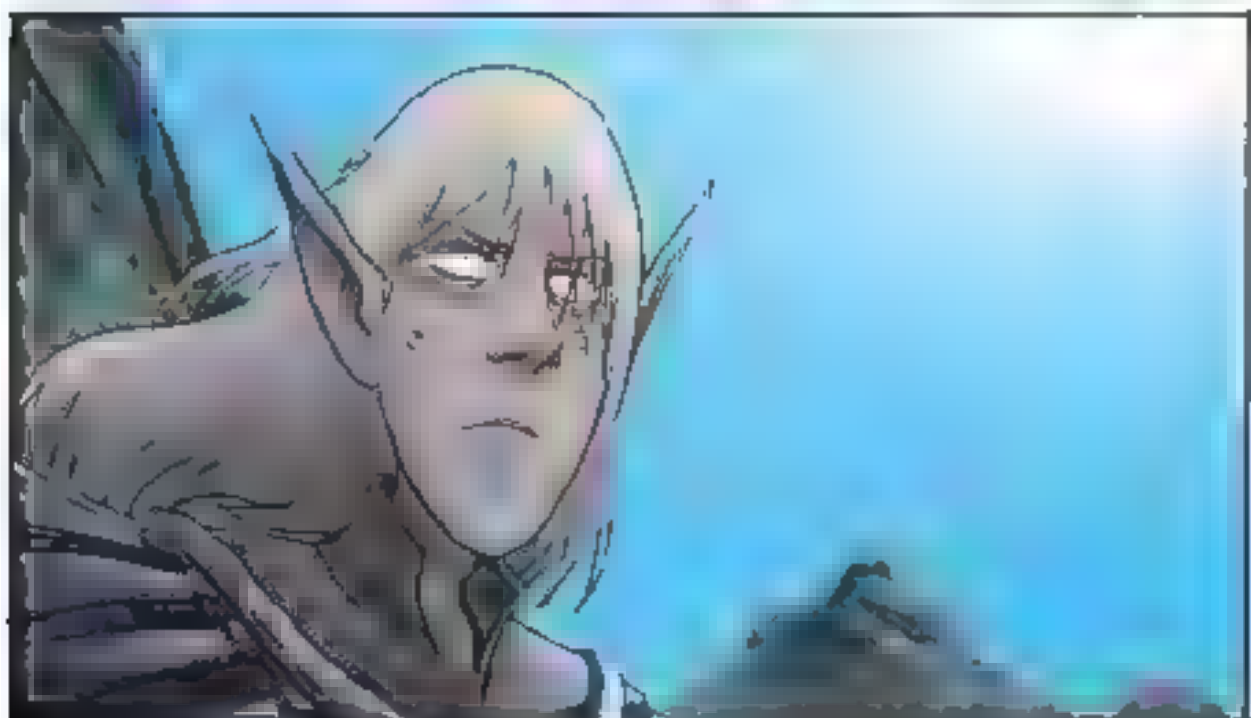
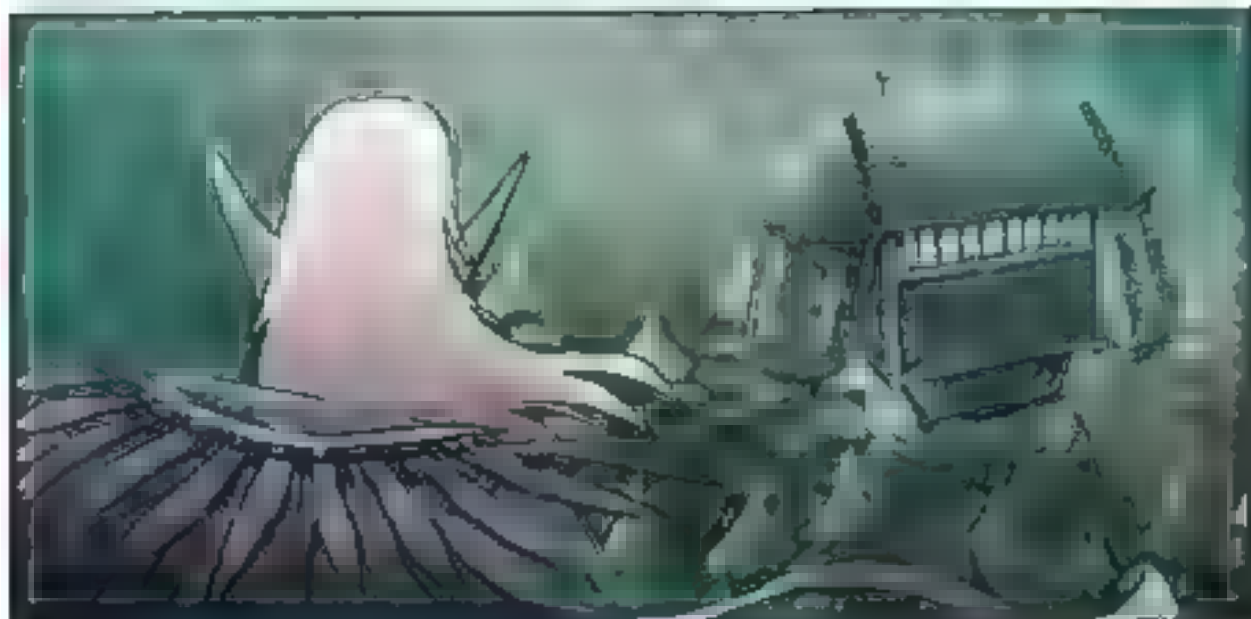
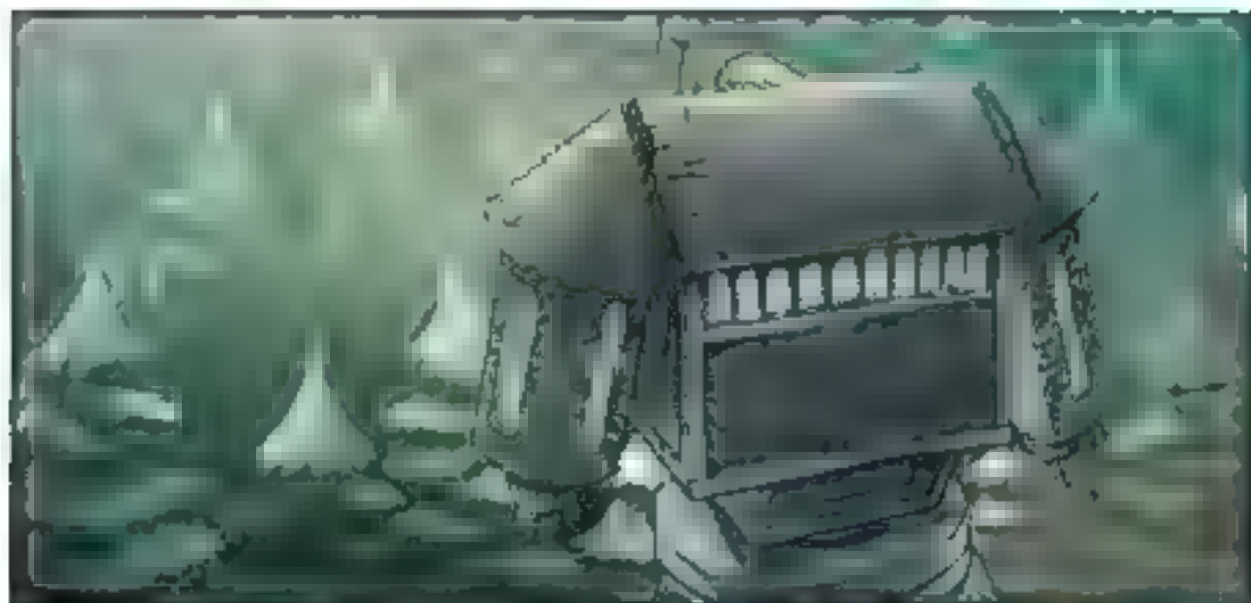













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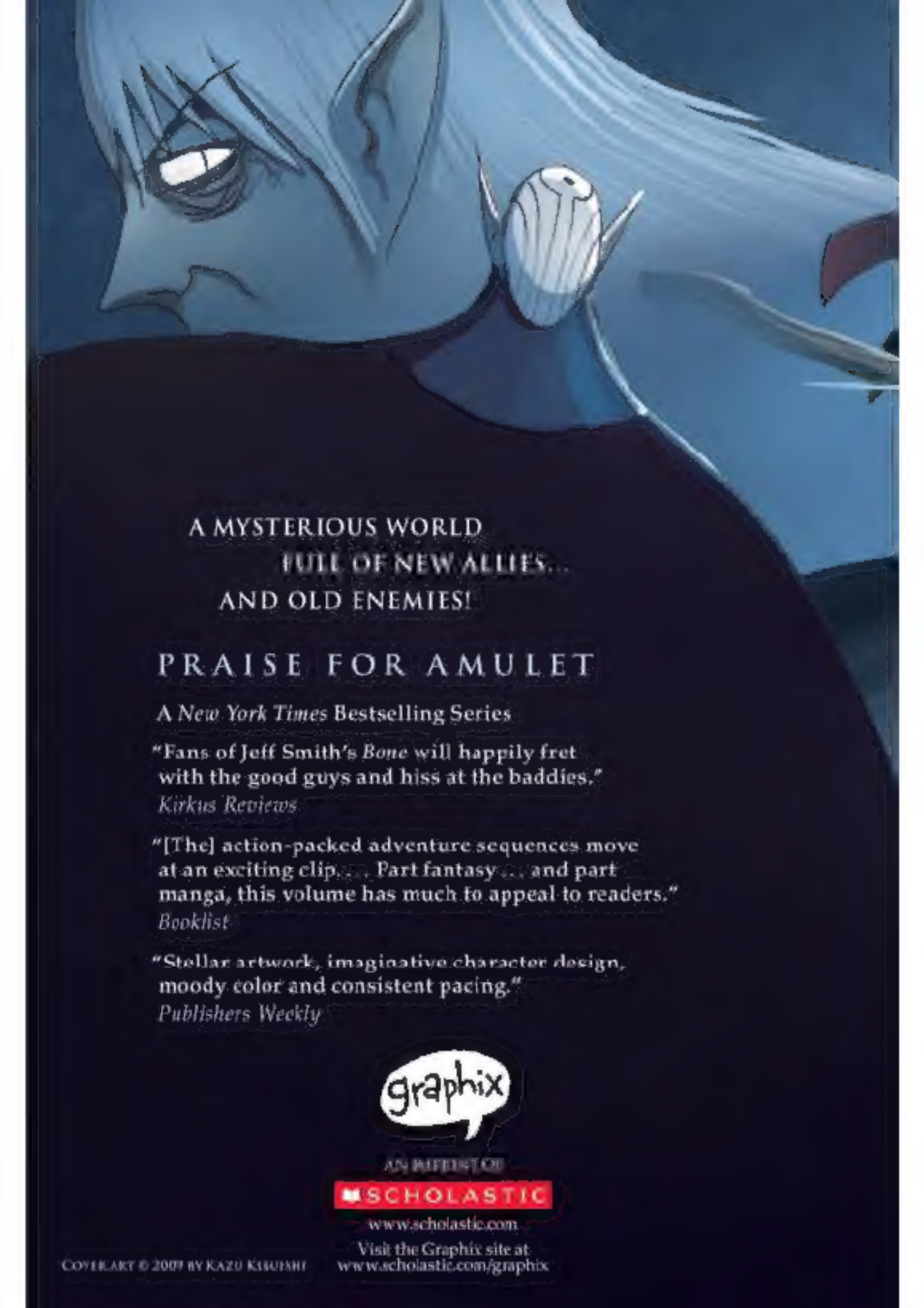
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